

THE ANIMALITY OF THE HUMAN BEING

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PREAMBLE

After a few years in Elohim's service, I had the opportunity to observe how similar the behavior of human beings, both Christians and non-Christians, is to that of animals. Indeed, humanity as a whole is as bestial as animals, if not more so. Violence, brutality, unrest, divisions, quarrels, greed, gluttony, wickedness, etc. These are the fruits of human endeavor. And yet, for years I believed, like many other brothers and sisters, that we were not concerned by the teaching on animality. And for good reason, we learned that the animal side of the descendants of Adam and Chavvah, concerned only the non-Christians: the atheists, the unconverted, the religious and so on. But the Lord opened my eyes to our true nature. And he set my heart on writing this book, after reading a biblical passage about the bestiality of humans, to encourage the saints in their march to heaven.

Many Christians are ignorantly convinced that they are still possessed. Indeed, the impure thoughts and carnal desires that assail them are often misinterpreted by Elohim's children. So they desperately seek deliverance, without success. They simply need to be reminded that they remain in their carnal (or animal) body, which continues to oppose the Spirit: *"For the flesh desires the opposite of the Spirit and the Spirit the opposite of the flesh, and these things are opposed to each other, so that you do not practice the things you would."* (Galatians 5:17).

"It will also be the same at the resurrection of the dead. We are sown in corruption, we resurrect in incorruptibility. We are sown in dishonor, we resurrect in glory. We are sown in weakness, we resurrect in strength. We

are sown animal body, we resurrect spiritual body. If there is an animal body, there is also a spiritual body" (1 Corinthians 15:42 to 44).

According to this passage, as long as a Man is not dead, his animal body remains. Indeed, physical death is nothing other than the separation between the spiritual body and the animal body. The latter corresponds to the old human being, made up of the carnal body and the soul. Therefore, it's vital for Christians to understand that, being still in this body, they can be confronted with persistent carnal desires after conversion. The animality of the human race is therefore the Adamic nature, which the Bible designates by the expressions like old human being, body of sin, carnal body, flesh, etc. to express the same reality.

But then, what is an animal human being?

To answer this question, we must first ask ourselves what an animal is. The answer will help us understand why Elohim compares humanity to animals.

WHAT IS AN ANIMAL?

The similarities between the creation of the human being and the animal

Elohîm created the heaven and the Earth and all it contains by his Word. But the creation of human beings and animals was subject to a few peculiarities.

First, only Adam and Chavvah and the animals were blessed by the Lord: "*Elohîm created the human being in His own image, in the image of Elohîm He created him; male and female He created them. Elohîm blessed them, and Elohîm said to them: Bear fruit, multiply, fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the heavens, and over every beast that creeps upon the earth.*" (Bereshit 1:27 to 28).

"Elohîm said: May the waters teem with things teeming with living souls and birds fly above the earth facing the firmament of the heavens! Elohîm created the great sea monsters and every living soul that moves, whose waters swarmed after their kind, and every bird with wings after its kind. Elohîm saw that it was good. Elohîm blessed them, saying: Be fruitful and multiply, fill the waters of the seas, and let birds multiply on Earth! And there was an evening and there was a morning: fifth day." (Bereshit 1:20 to 23).

Secondly, while the birds and the sea animals were created on the fifth day, human beings and land animals were shaped on the sixth day.

*"Elohîm said: May the earth produce living souls according to their kinds, **cattle, creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind!** And so it*

was. Elohîm made the beasts of the earth after their kind, the cattle after their kind, and all the creeping things of the ground after their kind. Elohîm saw that it was good. Elohîm said: **Let us make the human being in our image, according to our likeness**, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. Elohîm created human beings in his own image, in the image of Elohîm he created them, male and female. Elohîm blessed them, and Elohîm said to them: Bear fruit, multiply, fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the heavens, and over every beast that creeps upon the earth. And Elohîm said: Behold, I give you every herb bearing seed that is on all the face of the earth, and every tree that has fruit in it and bears seed; it shall be your food. For every animal of the earth, for every bird of the heavens, for everything that crawls on the earth, having in itself a living soul, every green herb will be food. And so it was. Elohîm saw all that he had done, and behold, it was very good. And there was an evening and there was a morning: sixth day. " (Bereshit 1:24 to 31).

Thirdly, human beings and animals are both living souls.

The Hebrew term *nephesh* designates "creature" and "life": "a person", "living being", "that which has life through the blood", "the human being himself", "the person or individual", "that which breathes"; but also "inner being", "character" and emotions: "soul", "spirit", "breath", "activity of the spirit", "desire", "emotion", "passion", "appetite, the seat of appetites, the seat of emotions and passions", "activity of the will", "activity of the character".

*"YHWH Elohim formed the human being from the dust of the ground. He breathed into his nostrils the **living breath** and the human being became a **living soul**. " (Bereshit 2:7).*

"Elohim said: May the earth produce living souls according to their kinds, cattle, creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds! And so it was. " (Bereshit 1:24).

Fourthly, animals, like Adam, were created by the Word of Elohim. The Lord used the dust of the ground to shape them.

"YHWH Elohim formed the human being from the dust of the ground. He breathed into his nostrils the living breath and the human being became a living soul. " (Bereshit 2:7).

"YHWH Elohim formed from the ground every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and then he brought them to the human being to see what he would call them, so that every living soul would bear the name by which the human being would call it." (Bereshit 2:19).

In both passages, the Hebrew terms "forma", *yatsar*, and "earth", *adamah*, are used to describe the creation of Adam and the animal.

Fifthly, human beings and animals are the only earthly creatures to be made up of a spirit, a soul and a body.

"But may the Elohim of peace himself sanctify you perfectly, and may your

whole being, spirit and soul and body be kept blameless in the parousia of our Lord Yehoshua Mashiah! " (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

*"For the accident of the sons of humans and the accident of the beast is the same accident. As one dies, so dies the other. **All have a spirit, and the superiority of the human being over the beast is nil.** For all is vanity. " (Qohelet 3:19).*

We can see, then, that human beings and animals are, in a way, of the same nature, because they are both living souls, formed from the same material and possessing a spirit, with the fundamental difference that human beings were created in the image of Elohîm. This information is crucial to understanding the animality of human beings. Indeed, since the only difference between animals and human beings is that the latter were created in the image of Elohîm, by losing this resemblance, Adam and Chavvah became totally animal-like. Deprived of what made them unique and gave them a special value, the image of Elohîm, and by giving access to sin, they provoked their own corruption, that of their descendants and that of everything under their authority, in this case that of the animals and even the whole of creation.

Note, moreover, the extent to which the Word of Elohîm is truly the source of all knowledge. While scientists have long doubted that animals can have emotions, to the point of asserting that they don't even feel pain, the Scriptures have taught us from the very beginning that animals are sentient beings endowed with spirituality. Today, moreover, numerous scientific studies confirm the truth of the Bible with regard to the animal soul.

The human beings and the animal suffer the same fate

Inheritors of the blessing, human beings and animals have inherited the same punishment. Indeed, the punishment meted out to mankind has reached all of creation, especially the animals.

"For the creation has been subjected to perversity, not of its own free will, but because of Him who subjected it, with the hope that it too will be set free from the bondage of corruption, to share in the freedom of the glory of the children of Elohim. For we know that to this day the whole creation sighs and suffers the pains of childbirth." (Romans 8:20 to 22).

*"He said to Adam: Because you listened to the voice of your wife, and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, saying: You won't eat it! **The ground is cursed because of you! You will eat it in pain all the days of your life. It will sprout thorns and thistles for you and you will eat the grass of the field.** By the sweat of your face, you will eat bread until you return to the ground, for from it you were taken. For you are dust and unto dust you shall return." (Bereshit 3:17 to 19).*

Thus, animals suffer as much as we do from the consequences of Adam and Chavvah's sin. They endure famine as a result of the curse of the land, and have to work hard to feed themselves. As for the females, they are dominated by the males and share in the pain of childbirth. Not to mention that all living beings experience death.

*"I said to myself in my heart about the sons of man, that Elohim would test them **and they would see that they were only beasts. For the accident of***

the sons of humans and the accident of the beast is the same accident. As one dies, so dies the other. All have a spirit, and the superiority of the human being over the beast is nil. For all is vanity. Everything goes into one place. Everything was made from dust and everything returns to dust. Who knows whether the spirit of the sons of man ascends upward and the spirit of the beast descends downward into the earth? " (Qohelet 3:18 to 21).

The future of humans and animals seems to be linked. Animals were the first to experience death. First, when Elohim clothed Adam and Chavvah in tunics of skin, and then when Abel offered Elohim the first-born of his flock.

Moreover, whenever Elohim's wrath manifests itself because of sin, animals are never spared. Whether during the flood, the ten plagues of Egypt or the end of time, almost all animals are affected.

This link between human beings and animals is reflected in the Torah, as they are affected by the law of the first-born, the Sabbath and, of course, ceremonial law. Moreover, when an ox was guilty of the death of a human being, it was to be stoned (Shemot 21:28). In the Middle Ages, this practice took an unexpected turn in the form of trials during which animals could be executed, exiled or mutilated. The fact that animals can be condemned to death raises the question of whether they are responsible for their actions. Be that as it may, the animal as a living soul (i.e. as a being endowed with desires, emotions, appetites and passions) behaves in a similar way to humans.

In this way, we can draw a parallel between the actions of these two creatures, between the animal world and the human world.

The law of the strongest

Human beings and animals live in a world governed by the law of the strongest. This natural law governs relations between animals. The animal kingdom is made up of predators and prey. The same animal can be both predator and prey. The cat, for example, preys on small rodents and birds, but it is also preyed upon by canines (dogs, foxes...). Some animal species have no natural predators. If the lion is considered the king of the jungle, it's because it's not preyed upon by any other animal except its own kind. There's nothing more dangerous to a lion than another lion.

Beyond the rivalries between species, even within a group there are dominant individuals. In wolves, for example, the pack is led by a couple called the alpha couple.

The animal world is full of dangers, traps and struggles. To enable them to survive, Elohim equipped each animal with special "weapons". In addition to their strength, speed, claws, pincers, powerful jaws, carapace, etc., a number of animals are equipped with highly ingenious defense and attack strategies. Did you know that there's a species of ant that can explode to kill its opponent and protect its colony? Boxer crabs use anemones like boxing gloves to defend themselves against predators and catch prey. The octopus is an expert in camouflage. It can adopt a variety of shapes, textures and colors to blend into the background. The pistol shrimp lives up to its name. In fact, it has a special spina which it closes so quickly that it projects

a bubble of scalding water capable of reaching 4500 degrees at around 100 km/h onto its prey. To evade predators, the copepod, a small crustacean living in the abyss, ejects a bioluminescent liquid that explodes and disorients predators as it flees.

It was the Lord who "armed" the animals, who gave the drill to the horse and who made Leviathan " *king of all the sons of wild and majestic beasts* " (Iyov 41: 26). (See also Iyov chapter 39 and following), but he did not "arm" the human being. Which means that, if after the fall, he gave the means to animals to survive in the wild world, it was not his will that human beings dominate each other by their physical strength. It's also worth noting that beings with special attributes such as the nephilim were destroyed.

As a result, humans have developed the means to dominate one another (money, weapons...). And they often imitate animals to wage war on each other: armor, explosives, firearms, etc. are all animal defense and attack techniques. By possessing these things, they become predators for those who possess nothing.

All efforts to "civilize" humans, to lift them out of their "savage" state, are in vain. Constitutions, laws and institutions seem to be designed to maintain equality between citizens, so that the strong cannot subjugate the weak. Yet power belongs to an elite, the wealthiest or the best armed, and consequently constitutions, laws and institutions are nothing but the emanation of the dominant elite, which ensures its supremacy by these means. So, even when countries impose rules on each other, it's to enshrine the law of the strongest. The problem isn't even wealth or weapons, but the

fact that those who have them behave like predators towards the weakest. For example, the textile industry rakes in billions of euros every year, yet the working conditions of textile workers are akin to slavery, whereas without their labor, this industry would not exist!

The human being is not an animal like the others; he is the worst of all, the most dangerous, the most harmful, because he acts like a parasitoid, destroying his environment as well as those he lives thanks to. Whereas the wild animal hunts only what it needs to survive.

So there are men and women struggling to feed themselves, access healthcare, pay the rent... And others who strive to enrich themselves, preserve their territory and acquire that of others.

The animal world reveals who we are. What's more, the animal world even teaches us about the Christian life. Take the abyss for example. From a depth of three hundred meters, it gets darker and colder. The pressure is colossal, the temperature close to zero degrees Celsius, there's no vegetation and darkness is almost total. Although no form of life should be found there, strange creatures have adapted, marine monsters and bioluminescent beings. Here too, survival of the fittest prevails. Except that in the abyss it's not so much physical strength that counts, but the ability to see and not be seen. For example, the razorfish is able to make itself invisible by reflecting light or imitating light from the surface. Unfortunately for him, there's a fish whose eyes can tell the difference between the real light coming from the surface and the false light produced by the hatchet fish.

At depths of over a thousand meters, darkness is total. To attract its prey, the angler fish shakes a luminous rod attached to its head. Another interesting feature of this fish is that it is one with its partner. The male and female literally merge.

When not hunting their prey, abyssal creatures consume food that falls from the surface.

Creatures that live in darkness, but contain their own light, feed on what falls from above them, and some can merge with their partners... Doesn't that remind you of something? The Christian, too, lives in a cold, dark world in which he is under constant pressure to discern true light from false light. His food comes from heaven, and he is one with his spouse.

Shared vices

Beyond the law of the strongest, we can see that humans and animals also share certain vices.

While monogamy is the rule in around 90% of birds, only 3% of mammals enter into long-term relationships. In birds, the survival of chicks depends on the implication of both parents. In nature, single-parent families are the norm, unless the survival of the species depends on it. If we follow the logic of survival, human beings should be monogamous, since they need both parents for a balanced development. Instead, we're seeing an increase in adultery and divorce, leading to situations where more and more women, though economically more fragile, are taking sole responsibility for their children. So when it comes to sexuality, human beings behave like 97% of

mammals - for no reason at all!

But while it's well known that animals multiply their partners mainly for the purpose of reproduction, it's not generally known that the intimate lives of animals are as depraved as those of humans.

Early 20th century. Royal Navy surgeon George Murray Levick took part in Robert Falcon Scott's Terre Nova expedition to Antarctica. What he discovered about the sex lives of penguins shocked him to such an extent that he decided not to publish his findings, and above all to write them in Greek so that they would remain hidden from the general public. Years later, articles and television programs reported on a number of deviant practices: pedophilia, orgies, prostitution, necrophilia, homosexuality, rape... That's all there is to it!

But these uses don't stop at just one species. Dolphins, for example, practice gang rape. Male gangs of two or three individuals are capable of forming alliances with other groups in order to attack a rival gang. The aim is to kidnap a female, mistreat her and rape her in turn for several days. Forced sex has also been observed among chimpanzees, ducks... Worse still, some animals rape animals of other species. Sea lions can rape penguins, otters can rape baby seals, and dolphins have even tried to have sex with humans. Sometimes these inter-species couplings are even consensual. Recently, in Japan, a monkey and a doe were caught copulating, which is not unusual, by the way.

Practices are varied: in addition to the solitary pleasures observed in dogs,

cats, lions, bears, bonobos, walruses, horses, deer, orangutans... other animals are innovating by having oral-genital relations! These include bats, orangutans... and many others!

It's often said that animals don't kill for pleasure, but to feed or defend themselves. However, this idea is not always true. Indeed, scientists have recently observed "gratuitous" killings in a number of animals. For example, the dolphin would show cruelty for its own pleasure. They have been observed looking for pebbles on the seabed to throw at seals resting on rocks, while others have been caught killing porpoises for no apparent reason.

Although, as a general rule, animals want to avoid conflict, they do sometimes engage in real warfare. The Gombe chimpanzee war in Tanzania, which lasted 4 years (1974-1978), even led to the complete extermination of one of the two rival bands. Once a single community, Gombe's chimpanzees have divided to occupy the park's northern and southern territories. The war began when six males from the northern group, the Kasakela, attacked a young male from the southern group, the Kahama, and put him to death. From then on, the more numerous Kasakela killed all the males in the southern group, and kidnapped and beat some of the females. As soon as the Kahama had been totally exterminated, the Kasakela invaded their territory. How many human wars have been fought the same way? Is it animals who behave like humans, or humans who behave like animals when they go to war with each other?

Even more surprising in the category of vices, some animals take "drugs".

Cats and catnip, reindeer and amanita, monkeys and nicotine, lemurs and millipede venom... these are just a few examples of animals that consume not for food, but for the psychotropic effect of the substance!

The law of mutual aid

After all that's been said, you'd think that the animal kingdom was ruled only by violence and perversity. If this were the case, the comparison between the animal world and the human world would be meaningless. Elohim has endowed human beings with a conscience that enables them to distinguish between good and evil. So it's not uncommon for many unconverted people to devote their lives to helping others. This law of mutual aid is also in force in the animal world.

In 1964, Stanley Wechkin carried out an experiment on rhesus monkeys, the findings of which are highly edifying. Wechkin and colleagues placed two monkeys in separate cages. One of the primates had access to food by pulling on a chain. Every time he pulled on the chain, the monkey next to him received an electric shock. Although the experiment was performed on several monkeys, each time the one with access to the meal refused to pull the chain. A monkey can refuse to eat for several days if it causes suffering to one of its fellow monkeys. I'm not sure that human beings would make such a sacrifice with such perseverance!

There are so many stories to tell about interspecies friendship, and about animals who have saved the lives of other animals or even humans. Examples include Kamunyak, the blessed, (in Samburu) a lioness living in northern Kenya, known for adopting oryx babies, or the story of Polo, the

dog who gave his life to save a baby's by lying on him during a fire, to protect him from the flames, or this story of a Russian cat who saved an infant from the cold by warming him for several hours with his body. There are so many stories to tell about animal empathy. It's as if the Lord wants to give us a foretaste of the millennium!

What's the difference between humans and animals?

To study the animal world is to conclude that there is very little difference between humans and animals, except that animal violence is most often motivated by the survival of the species. For example, infanticide in animals can be explained by the desire to reproduce, whereas human infanticide is based on malice.

To survive, animals sometimes have to kill. Men and women kill for pleasure, to enrich themselves, to possess new territories, without being motivated by the need to survive. They destroy their own and other species for free. This behavior is unique; no other species acts in this way. Yet everyone has the opportunity to obey Elohim's commandments through the sacrifice of Yehoshua. This major difference implies that human beings are totally responsible for their actions. The animal lives within the limits imposed by Elohim. Adam's descendants seek to free themselves from Elohim, even to become elohims. To achieve this, they don't hesitate to form alliances with demons and sacrifice human lives. It began with Qayin, then Nimrod... and will continue with the Anti-Mashiah. Human beings even seek to rid themselves of their true nature: men become women and women become men, and some even declare themselves to be both, or to belong to neither sex. Human beings have fallen into madness!

Thus, the parallel with animals is limited, as humans commit sins against nature.

PART ONE
THE HUMAN BEING,
THIS ANIMAL

INTRODUCTION

"Blessed is the man who does not walk according to the counsel of the wicked, who does not stand in the way of sinners or sit in the assembly of scoffers" (Tehilim 1:1).

The Word declares that the human being who does not walk according to the counsel of the wicked is happy. But these days, there's a lot of confusion about what makes us happy. We think of it as material and financial wealth. But happiness can't be bought. For it concerns only the Man who walks according to Elohîm's counsel.

What human being are we talking about here?

The Scriptures present us with three types, which Paulos describes in chapters two and three of his first epistle to the Corinthians: the animal human being, the carnal human being and the spiritual human being: "***Animal Human Being*** does not receive the things of the Spirit of Elohîm, for they are foolishness to him, nor can he know them, because it is spiritually that they are judged. But he who is spiritual judges all things and is judged by no one. For who has known the mind of the Lord to instruct him? But we have the mind of the Mashiah." (1 Corinthians 2:14 to 16).

"And I, my brethren, could not speak to you as to the spiritual, but as to the carnal, as to children in Mashiah." (1 Corinthians 3:1).

"May the Elohîm of peace himself sanctify you perfectly, and may your

whole being, spirit and soul and body be kept blameless in the parousia of our Lord Yehoshua Mashiah!" (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

A person is therefore made up of three parts: spirit, soul and body. Each individual is dominated by one aspect of his or her being. So the spiritual human being is guided by his spirit, through which he receives indications from the Spirit of Elohîm. He is master of his body and soul. Animal and carnal human beings, on the other hand, are governed by their souls and bodies.

CHAPTER 1

THE SPIRIT

*"For which of the humans has known the things of the human being, except the spirit **of the human being that is in him**? Likewise, no one has known the things of Elohîm, except the Spirit of Elohîm. " (1 Corinthians 2:11).*

The terms *ruwach* in Hebrew and *pneuma* in Greek can be translated as "wind" and "breath". They are used to designate both the Spirit of Elohîm, and that of humans and animals. This breath therefore constitutes the immaterial part of their being.

"YHWH Elohîm formed the human being from the dust of the ground. He breathed into his nostrils the living breath and the human being became a living soul. " (Bereshit 2:7).

"Burden, word of YHWH, on Israel. Declaration of YHWH, who stretched out both and founded the Earth, and formed the spirit of the human being within. " (Zekaryah 12:1).

The spirit is what enables an individual to become aware of his or her universe, and more particularly of spiritual realities. Indeed, it's through him that human beings can enter into contact with Elohîm or with the world of demons. He is also confronted with nightmares, visions and dreams. And of course, the gifts are manifested in the spirit. So it's through this immaterial part that we pray, speak in tongues, prophesy...

So Elohim, who is spirit, created mankind in his own image. Indeed, the Word declares that what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

"What is begotten of the flesh is flesh, and what is begotten of the Spirit is spirit. Don't be surprised by what I told you: You must be begotten from above. The wind blows where it will and you hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it's going. So it is with everyone who has been begotten of the Spirit." (Yohanan 3:6 to 8).

The spirit here is the image of Elohim, which Adam lost by disobeying YHWH's command. This breath is a gift from Elohim.

"Before the dust returns to the earth, as it was there, and the spirit returns to Elohim who gave it." (Qohelet 12:7).

I/ THE SPIRIT OF THE SPIRITUAL HUMAN BEING

A/ Characteristics of the Christian spirit

1. *The Christian spirit is born from above*

Before conversion, the spirit is dead, like Adam's after his fall. Birth from above refers to the action whereby the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in a person, awakens his spirit and testifies to his belonging to the kingdom of Elohim (Romans 8:16). Indeed, at the new birth, this invisible part is totally recreated by Elohim (Yehezkel 36:26). The physical body remains the same, but the spiritual body becomes conscious. It is then that the inner being receives the ability to understand the mind of the Lord breathed by the Holy Spirit. Elohim not only awakens the human spirit, but also renews it every day through prayer and meditation on the Word: *"That's why we're not*

losing heart. And though our outward man is destroyed, yet the inward is renewed day by day. " (2 Corinthians 4:16).

"And do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of Elohim, what is good and acceptable and perfect. " (Romans 12:2).

The word "renewed" comes from the Greek *anakainosis*, meaning "renewal", "renovation", "change towards the best". As the apostle Paulos so aptly puts it, this renewal is not based on: "... *the basis of works of righteousness which we would have done, but according to mercy, through the bath of **the new birth and the renewing of the Holy Spirit*** " (Titos 3:5).

2. The Christian spirit is in communion with Elohim

Our Father's Word teaches us that he who belongs to the Lord is in permanent communion with him. Indeed, the spirit of the Christian unites with that of Elohim.

"But he who joins himself to the Lord is with him one spirit. " (1 Corinthians 6:17).

"Because through him we have access both the ones and the others to the Father in the same Spirit." (Ephesians 2:18).

Only then can the believer obey the Lord by walking in: "*the good works which Elohim has prepared beforehand*" (Ephesians 2:10). Indeed, Elohim created humans to worship and serve him. Since service and worship are

spiritual works, only those whose spirit has been awakened by the Creator can become his worshippers and servants.

"For Elohim, whom I serve in my spirit, through the gospel of his Son, is my witness that I make mention of you continually. " (Romans 1:9).

So the ability to do spiritual work comes from Elohim and is done at the level of the spirit.

"YHWH awakened the spirit of Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, governor of Yehuda, and the spirit of Yehoshua, son of Yehotstadaq, the high priest, and the spirit of all the rest of the people. And they came and worked at the house of YHWH, their Elohim, on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, in the second year of King Darius. " (Chaggay 1:14 to 15).

"Elohim is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. " (Yohanan 4:24).

3. The spiritual human being was created to dominate

"Elohim said: Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. " (Bereshit 1:26).

We understand from this verse that there is a link between dominion and the image of Elohim. Indeed, it is only because human beings were shaped in the image of the Creator that they could dominate over animals. Thus,

although both types of creatures (human and animal) shared common characteristics, the image of Elohim placed the human being above all earthly creation and gave him his value. Now, by losing this resemblance to the Lord, Adam, Chavvah and their descendants have been stripped of their status as rulers of the Earth and have become totally animal-like. That is, beings guided by their passions and carnal appetites. In fact, humans are a special kind of animal, since they destroy the environment in which they live.

At the new birth, the ability to govern is once again conferred on Men. It is therefore the spirit that has been given the mandate to dominate over all the power of the enemy, over the soul and the body, that is, over the desires of the flesh, the emotions, and the feelings. For this to happen, the spirit must submit totally to the Spirit of Elohim. Only then can the Christian walk according to the Lord's will. By carrying out the orders he receives from his inner being and submitting soul and body to his will.

"But I say: Walk according to the Spirit and you will never fulfill the desire of the flesh. " (Galatians 5:16).

"For the Word of Elohim is living and effective, and more penetrating than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow. And it judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart. " (Hebrews 4:12).

Thus it is no longer the animal part of the human being that dominates the Christian, but that which is in the image of Elohim. But this can only happen

if the soul and spirit have undergone a division. This takes place at new birth, and then faculties are gradually acquired through meditation on the Word of the Lord and prayer (1 Petros 2:2).

4. The intelligence

"Truly, in man there is the spirit, the breath of Shaddai that makes him intelligent " (Iyov 32:8).

"And Yehoshua, having known at once by his spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, said to them: Why do you have such thoughts in your hearts? " (Markos 2:8).

We can see from these passages that intelligence is spiritual. This means that what makes human beings intelligent, discerning, knowledgeable, etc., is to be found at the level of the mind. In fact, it is only from the new birth that an individual becomes capable of understanding the Word of the Lord.

"And he said to them: These are the words I used to say to you when I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Torah of Moshe, in the Prophets and in the Tehilim must be fulfilled. Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. " (Loukas 24:44 to 45).

"For this is the covenant I make with the house of Israel after those days - YHWH's declaration: I will put my torah in their bowels, I will write it in their hearts, I will become their Elohim and they will become my people." (Yirmeyah 31:33).

It is in spirit that we understand who human beings are. This knowledge is progressive. The spiritual Christian discovers himself as he grows in the Lord. Indeed, the heart is like an abyss whose depths can only be revealed by the light of the Creator (Yirmeyah 17:9 to 10).

"For which of the human beings has known the things of the human being, except the spirit of the human being that is in him? Likewise, no one has known the things of Elohîm, except the Spirit of Elohîm. But we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from Elohîm, that we might know the things which Elohîm has graciously given us. " (1 Corinthians 2:11 to 12).

5. The five spiritual senses

At the new birth, the spirit is endowed with the five spiritual senses that enable it to know the Lord's will, to discern, and to help its neighbor.

5.1 The view

*"...that the Elohîm of our Lord Yehoshua Mashiah, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in His precise and correct knowledge. May he **enlighten the eyes of your understanding**, that you may know the hope of his calling, and the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints".* (Ephesians 1:17 to 18).

With spiritual eyes, a person can have visions, dreams, revelations, or discernment. Therefore, he who has the Lord's understanding must watch his eyes: *" The eye is the body's lamp. So if your eye is simple, your whole body will be luminous. But if your eye is wicked, your whole body will be in*

darkness. If then the light that is in you is only darkness, how great is the darkness!" (Matthaios 6:22 to 23).

So the spiritual Christian cannot set eyes on what is impure.

The physical sense is replaced by faith: the spirit is assured of things that the flesh cannot see. *"For we walk by faith, not by sight"* (2 Corinthians 5:7).

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen. For it was through it that the elders obtained the testimony. By faith we understand that the ages have been set in order by the word of Elohîm, so that the things that are seen come from those that are not exposed to view." (Hebrews 11:1-3).

"Yehoshua said to him: Because you saw me, Thomas, you believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (Yohanan 20:29).

"For it is in hope that we are saved. But the hope we see is no longer hope, for what we see, why should we still hope? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it diligently and patiently, with perseverance." (Romans 8:24 to 25).

5.2 The Hearing

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the assemblies! To him who wins the victory, I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of Elohîm's paradise." (Apokalupsis 2:7).

Obviously, to hear what the Spirit is saying to the assemblies, you need to have a spiritual ear.

"You desire neither sacrifice nor offering; you have dug out my ears; you ask neither burnt offering nor sin offering " (Tehilim 40:7).

"Adonai YHWH opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, nor did I retreat backward. " (Yesha'yah 50:5).

Faith itself stems from the ability to hear Elohim's Word. The ears, then, are the gates of faith, for *"...faith comes from hearing, one hears by means of the Word of Elohim. "* (Romans 10:17).

Moreover, in the parable of the sower and the four fields, the Lord teaches us that out of four types of people who hear the Word, three do not understand it. Only those who hear and understand it can bear fruit. So fruit depends on the proper functioning of the spiritual ear.

"But the one who received the seed in the good soil is the one who hears the word and understands it. And indeed it produces fruit, one 100, another 60, another 30. " (Matthaios 13:23).

A spiritual Christian is also one who listens before deciding or responding: *" He who responds to a speech before he has heard it, does an act of folly and attracts confusion. "* (Mishlei 18:13.) In managing conflicts between two parties, the self-controlled person will listen to each of them before passing judgment: *" He who pleads his case first appears righteous, but his opposing*

party comes, and he is examined. " (Mishlei 18:17). The ears are therefore the primary channels through which we can pass judgment, discern, hear the Lord and test the moral sense of those around us. Indeed, it is said that "*bad company corrupts good morals*" (1 Corinthians 15:33). To get to know a person, all you have to do is listen to him speak, for "*(...) it is from the abundance of the heart that his mouth speaks* " (Loukas 6:45). So the true Christian is "*(...) quick to listen and slow to speak (...)*" (Yaacov 1:19). Consequently, the spiritual ear also enables us to choose the members of our entourage.

When the disciple of Elohim speaks, it is to express the gifts of the Spirit and to console: "*Adonai YHWH has given me the tongue of a disciple, so that I may know how to support the weary with words. Morning after morning he awakens, awakens my ear to listen like a disciple.*" (Yesha'yah 50:4).

"But I exhort you, brethren, by the Name of our Lord Yehoshua Mashiah, speak all the same language, and let there be no divisions among you, but be adjusted in the same mind and in the same opinion." (1 Corinthians 1:10).

"Then I will turn the tongues of the nations into pure languages, so that they will all call on the Name of YHWH, to serve Him with one accord." (Tsephanyah 3:9).

The gifts of Elohim that are expressed through the tongue are numerous: the gift of prophecy, speaking in tongues, spiritual songs... This is why a person who has received the Holy Spirit must keep his tongue pure. Indeed, the Lord does not want that: "*From the same mouth come blessing and*

cursing (...)" (Yaacov 3:10). The spiritual human being is the one who controls himself when he speaks: he doesn't curse, he doesn't multiply his words, he doesn't use rudeness: "*Neither lewdness, nor foolish talking, nor pleasantries, things which are not proper, but rather thanksgiving.*" (Ephesians 5:4).

(See also: Apokalupsis 2:11; 2:17; 2:29; 3:6; 3:13; 3:22.)

5.3 The Taste

*"...desire as newborn babes the spiritual and pure milk, that you may grow by it, if indeed you have **tasted** that the Lord is good".* (1 Petros 2:2-3).

"Yehoshua said to them: My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work." (Yohanan 4:34).

"But he answered and said: It reads: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of Elohim." (Matthaios 4:4).

A disciple is not a slave to his carnal needs. His food is above all spiritual, the daily bread that comes down from Elohim.

*"So do not worry, saying: What will we eat? Or: What will we drink? Or: What will we be wearing? For it is the nations who earnestly seek all these things. But your heavenly Father knows you need all these things. **But seek first the Kingdom of Elohim and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. So don't worry about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has its own evil.*** (Matthaios 6:31 to 34).

5.4 The sense of smell

"But beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inside they are ravening wolves. You'll recognize them by their fruit. Do you pick grapes from thorns or figs from thistles? So every good tree produces good fruit, but the rotten tree produces bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a rotten tree produce good fruit. Any tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. You'll know them by their fruits ". (Matthaios 7:15 to 20).

In this passage, we are, of course, talking about the fruits Paulos mentions in Galatians chapter 5 verse 22. So every truly converted person must have a spiritually sharpened sense of smell from Elohim to recognize the fruits of the Spirit as well as the works of the flesh. Indeed, the spiritual human being is capable of smelling the aromas of the fruits that the children of Elohim are supposed to bear, but also the nauseating, demonic odor emanating from certain possessed people.

"But thanks be to Elohim, who always causes us to triumph in the Mashiah and manifests through us the odor of his knowledge in every place. Because we are the good odor of the Mashiah for Elohim, among those who are saved and among those who perish. Indeed, for some, a smell of death for death, but for others a smell of life for life. And who is sufficient for these things?" (2 Corinthians 2:14 to 16).

The actions produced in the will of the Lord are a fragrance of good odor: *"But I have everything and I'm in abundance. I have been filled with goodness in receiving from Epaphroditos what comes from you, a fragrance*

of good odor, an accepted sacrifice, pleasing to Elohim." (Philippians 4:18).

5.5 The Touch

The gifts attached to this sense are unfortunately ignored by many Christians. Paulos had warned Timotheos about the laying on of hands: "*Do not lay hands on anyone in haste, and do not participate in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure.*" (1 Timotheos 5:22). So through touch, we can bring healing and deliverance, but also transmit gifts. For example, the woman who was losing blood had only touched the Lord and her ailment ceased immediately (Markos 5:24 to 34).

"It is because of this that I remind you to revive Elohim's gift of grace that is in you through the laying on of my hands." (2 Timotheos 1:6).

Sometimes even Christians who are particularly sensitive to spiritual things have physical manifestations when approaching people possessed by a spirit of seduction. For example, there are cases of men getting erections in the presence of women possessed by such spirits. And conversely, women who feel the same way when approaching men with a seduction demon.

So the spiritual human being is one who obeys the Lord's command that we must flee illicit sexual relations (1 Corinthians 6:18), as Yosef did.

6. The gifts

Spiritual gifts are given to the children of Elohim for the common good, that is, for their personal and mutual edification.

*"But as for spiritual things, I don't want you, brethren, to be ignorant. You know that, nations, you were led to the dumb idols, according as you were led. Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of Elohîm, says: Yehoshua is anathema! And no one can say: Lord Yehoshua! if not by the Holy Spirit. There are different gifts of grace, but it's the same Spirit. There is also a diversity of services, but it's the same Lord. There is also diversity of operations, but it is the same Elohîm who works all things in all. **Yet to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit to be useful. For to one is given by means of the Spirit the word of wisdom, but to another the word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit, but to another faith by the same Spirit, but to another the gifts of healings by the same Spirit, but to another the working of miracles, but to another prophecy, but to another discernments of spirits, but to another various tongues, but to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one in particular as He wills.**" (1 Corinthians 12:1 to 11).*

Nevertheless, spiritual gifts (prophecy, speaking in tongues, vision, healing, miracles, word of knowledge, word of wisdom, interpretation of tongues, discernment of spirits, etc.) can be counterfeit and are in no way evidence of real conversion or a marker of the presence of the Holy Spirit, since demons, satanists, marabouts, sorcerers and seers also manifest "spiritual gifts", but what they don't have are the fruits of the Spirit.

It's important to know that not all Christians have the same gifts. Paulos says that to one is given by the Spirit the gift of prophecy, to another the gift of working miracles, and so on. And in First Corinthians chapter 12 verses 28

to 30, he states: " *And Elohim has indeed placed in the Assembly firstly apostles. secondly prophets, thirdly teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, help, governments, various languages. Are they all apostles? Are they all prophets? Are they all doctors? Do they all have the gift of miracles? Do they all have the gift of healing? Do they all speak in tongues? Do they all interpret?*"

The diversity of gifts is interdependent. You can worship Elohim without having the gift of speaking in tongues, prophecy, miracles, or discernment of spirits. That's why in heaven, spiritual gifts will be useless: "*Love never perishes. But as for prophecies, they will be abolished. And as for languages, they will cease. As for knowledge, it will be abolished.*" (1 Corinthians 13:8).

B/ The privileges of the born-again Christian

"But he who is spiritual judges all things, discerns all things, and is judged by no one. For who has known the mind of the Lord to be able to instruct him? But we have the mind of Mashiah." (1 Corinthians 2:15 to 16).

The word "spiritual" comes from the Greek *pneumatikos*, which designates that which is "relative to the human spirit or rational soul"; "a part of the human being that is allied to Elohim and serves him as an instrument or organ". So those who are spiritual are simply those who obey Yehoshua. This submission has a number of consequences.

1. The spiritual human being is a child of Elohim

"For all who are led by the Spirit of Elohim are sons of Elohim. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to be still in fear, but you received the Spirit of

adoption by which we cry out: Abba! Father! The Spirit himself bears witness to our spirit, that we are children of Elohim. " (Romans 8:14 to 16).

According to this passage, what characterizes the belonging to the family of Elohim is allowing oneself to be led by the Spirit of the Lord. From this stem a privileged relationship with the Creator. He then benefits from the Father's advice (Yesha'yah 28:29), correction (Hebrews 12:6) and protection (Tehilim 37:39), but also from the Father's intimacy, who trusts him.

"For whosoever shall have done the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother. " (Matthaios 12:50).

"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth; for he will not speak of himself, but of all that he has heard, and he will declare to you things to come. " (Yohanan 16:13).

The human being led by Elohim necessarily walks against the current, opposite the train of this world (Ephesians 4:17). Ahead of his time, he was often alone, misunderstood and rejected. He does not behave like those of the world, for he walks carefully (Ephesians 5:15 to 16), in love (Ephesians 5:1 to 2), like a child of light (Ephesians 5:8 to 14), in a manner worthy of the calling he has received (Ephesians 4:1), in the works that Elohim has prepared in advance for him : *"For we are his workmanship, having been created in Yehoshua Mashiah for good works, which Elohim prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. " (Ephesians 2:10).* The spiritual Christian knows the mind of the Mashiah and does not let himself be influenced by the world's system (philosophy, religion...) nor by his own

flesh. On the contrary, it is directed by the Spirit of Elohîm, who is the Conductor par excellence.

Tehilim 1 is therefore about this type of human being walking.

2. *The spiritual human being is like the wind*

"The wind blows where it will and you hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it's going. So it is with everyone who has been begotten of the Spirit. " (Yohanan 3:8).

The movement of the wind has the particularity of being dispersive, i.e. it flees from different directions in an irregular manner, so much so that we can't pin it down, such is the movement of the Spirit.

"He makes the winds his messengers, and flames of fire his servants. " (Tehilim 104:4).

A spiritual person can't be found in a carnal organization, such as federations, or pastoral organizations, because he's like the wind, which means he's elusive. It can even be considered unstable by those who are carnal.

3. *The spiritual human being has a celestial vision*

The spiritual human being focuses on what is above, not on earthly things that are fleeting and ephemeral. Indeed, he is first and foremost a citizen of heaven.

"Beloved, I urge you, as strangers and sojourners, to abstain from fleshly

desires that war against the soul. " (1 Petros 2:11).

"If then you have risen with the Mashiah, seek the things above, where the Mashiah sits at the right hand of Elohim. Think of things above, not things on Earth. For you are dead, and your life is hidden with the Mashiah in Elohim. When Mashiah, our life, appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. " (Colossians 3:1-4).

Consequently, the spiritual human being loves to meditate on the Word (Tehilim 119), to pray (1 Thessalonians 5:17), the company of people of integrity (1 Corinthians 15:33), and of course he is passionate about the Lord Yehoshua Mashiah. What's more, the spiritual Christian flees sin and anything that might alienate him from Elohim.

He is a person who is constantly persecuted, rejected and misunderstood, even by those closest to him.

II/ THE SPIRIT OF THE CARNAL HUMAN BEING

A/ A child's mind

*"And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to the spiritual, but as to the carnal, **as children in Mashiah**. I gave you milk to drink, not something to eat, because you weren't able to eat yet. And even now, you're not yet able to, because you're still carnal. For since there is jealousy, strife and division among you, are you not carnal and walk after the manner of man?" (1 Corinthians 3:1-3).*

The word "carnal" comes from the Greek *sarkikos*, which designates a

person "having the nature of the flesh, i.e. who is under the authority of animal appetite; governed by mere human nature and not by the Spirit of Elohim". The carnal human being is also called a "child"; from the Greek *nepios* meaning "a little child", "a minor", "childish", "ignorant", "unskilled". Paulos uses the term in Galatians chapter 4 verses 1 to 3: "*But I say: As long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, even though he is the lord of all. But he is under guardians and stewards until the time determined by the Father. We too, in the same way, when we were children, were under the slavery of the rudiments of the world.*"

The carnal human being is "under the authority of animal appetite" and not under the authority of the Lord. As a result, all the characteristics associated with the spirit of the spiritual Christian cannot be manifested in the life of this type of person. Although he has experienced the new birth, he who is slave of the flesh is not in communion with Elohim, and cannot worship and serve him. The carnal does not possess the intelligence to understand the Word, nor the five spiritual senses to discern the voice of the Spirit and distinguish between true and false servants of Elohim.

Thus the carnal human being is an ignorant. Like the Christians in Corinth, many Christians are children, incapable of understanding spiritual teaching. For, as Paulos reproached the Corinthians, they are still on milk and cannot bear solid food. They have no revelation from Elohim, they do not know their identity in Mashiah and their position in Elohim's Kingdom. This doesn't stop them from taking pride in their "knowledge". Indeed, though ignorant, carnal Christians are convinced they know the Word better than many of those called. Let's not forget that they are governed by the works

of the flesh, and in particular by pride.

B/ The mind of a slave

Although they have received many gifts, carnal Christians still need tutors and administrators. This dependence on human beings makes them ideal prey for the wolves encircling Elohim's people. This is how they become fodder for false prophets and greedy pastors who take advantage of the fact that they have no relationship with the Lord to abuse them materially, financially, emotionally and sometimes even sexually.

They pay tithes, carry their leaders' Bibles, do their shopping and housework, babysit their children, and so on. They are like the Hebrews who worked hard to build the Pharaohs' stores in Egypt. Instead of serving Elohim and His Kingdom, they make themselves slaves to these ill-intentioned preachers and their erroneous teachings: "*Take heed that no one makes you his prey by means of philosophy and vain deceit, according to human tradition, according to the rudiments of the world, and not according to Mashiah.*" (Colossians 2:8). As a result, they are the victims of sects and heresies such as the prosperity doctrine. They do not walk according to the Word of Elohim, but according to human traditions.

Attached to the things of the earth and deceived by their own lust, they think that blessing is linked to material goods. They are like Esav, who sold his birthright for a simple lentil soup.

Dominated by the works of the flesh described in Galatians chapter 5 verses 17 to 21, and notably by the spirit of competition, jealousy, the race for

titles, and pride, they don't realize their situation. They are quick to criticize and fight the true children of Elohim in the same way that the Corinthians opposed Paulos: "*For many of whom I have often spoken to you, and of whom I speak even now with weeping, walk as enemies of the cross of the Mashiah. They whose end is destruction, whose elohim is their belly, who put their glory in their shame, and think only of the things of the earth.*" (Philippians 3:18 to 19).

III/ THE SPIRIT OF THE UNCONVERTED

The mind of the unconverted is totally dead as regards to Elohim, his Word, his life, his Kingdom... Unbelievers are completely unaware and ignorant of the Lord's love manifested on the cross for us. Moreover, for them, the atoning death of Yehoshua Mashiah is madness: "*For the word of the cross is indeed foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of Elohim.*" (1 Corinthians 1:18). They can make speeches capable of driving Elohim's children away from the faith: "*Take heed that no one makes you his prey by means of philosophy and vain deceit, according to human tradition, according to the rudiments of the world, and not according to Mashiah.*" (Colossians 2:8). As a result, they are to be counted among those who take the wide road that leads to perdition (Matthaios 7:13).

However, we note that there are several cases concerning the minds of the unconverted. The minds of atheists and agnostics, i.e. those who believe neither in the existence of Elohim nor in that of Satan, are completely dead. On the other hand, some unconverted people have their minds awakened not to the things of Elohim, but to the demonic world. For example,

occultists, certain freemasons, rosicrucians, religious people and those who practice transcendental meditation. All these people are in communion with demons (1 Corinthians 10:20 to 21).

(See 1 Shemuel chapter 28 from verse 7: the female medium).

CHAPTER 2

THE SOUL

I/ WHAT IS THE SOUL?

"YHWH Elohîm formed the human being from the dust of the ground. He breathed into his nostrils the living breath and the human being became a living soul. " (Bereshit 2:7).

The word "soul" comes from the Hebrew *nephesh*, meaning "appetite", "desire", "emotion", "creature", "passion" and so on. Human beings, like animals, possess a soul. This implies that the animal, too, has emotions, desires, passions and so on. After the fall of Adam and Chavvah, the soul became the old human being, i.e. the Adamic nature, corrupt, animal, uncontrollable, with its innate disposition to do evil.

A/ The seat of feelings and emotions

The term "feeling" comes from the Greek word *splagchnon* which has been translated as "bowels" in Loukas 1:78; Acts 1:18; 2 Corinthians 6:12; Philemon 1:12; 1 Yohanan 3:17; Colossians 3:12. In the Bible, this word has several meanings. Firstly, in the restricted sense, these are the viscera contained in the abdominal cavity, the seat of digestion (Yehezkel 3:3; Apokalupsis 10:9): intestines, liver, stomach... and in the thoracic cavity: heart, lungs. The womb is also the seat of conception (Bereshit 15:4; 25:23; 2 Hayyamim dibre 32:21; Mishlei 31:2; Loukas 23:29), with the fruit of the womb referring to children (Devarim 7:13; 28:4, 11, 18 and 53; Tehilim 127:3; Yesha'yah 49:15; Miykayah 6:7).

Also, the bowels represent the deepest part of the human being, the socle of emotions

and feelings. They are considered to be the place where the most violent passions develop, such as anger, hatred, bitterness... but also the most tender affections, in particular kindness, benevolence, compassion, etc. Finally, the bowels also represent the human heart: " *For, my brother, we have great grace and comfort concerning your love, because the bowels of the saints have been put to rest by your means.* " (Philemon 1:7).

"The heart is deceitful more than anything else, and it's incurable. Who can know him?" (Yirmeyah 17:9).

*"But he said to them: What comes out of the human being is what makes the human being impure. **For it is from within, from the human heart,** that evil thoughts, adulteries, illicit sexual relations, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, unbridled lust, the wicked eye, blasphemy, pride and folly come out. All these evil things come out from within and make the human being unclean.* " (Markos 7:20 to 23).

The Adamic nature manifests itself in the human heart (Romans 7:15 to 23), so it is the source of conflict.

B/ Blood

*"If a man, a man of the house of Israel or strangers sojourning among them eats blood of any kind, I will set my face against that soul who has eaten blood, and cut him off from among his people. **For the soul of the flesh is in the blood.** That is why I have commanded you that it be placed on the altar, to make propitiation for your souls, for it is the blood that will make propitiation for the soul. Therefore I said to the children of Israel: Not a soul among you shall eat blood, not even the stranger who sojourns among you shall eat blood.*

If a man, a man of the children of Israel and of the strangers who sojourn among them, catches in the hunt a beast or a bird that is eaten, he shall shed its blood and cover it with dust. For the soul of all flesh is in its blood, which is its soul. Therefore I said to the children of Israel: You shall not eat the blood of any flesh, for the soul of all flesh is its blood: Whoever eats of it will be cut off. " (Vayiqra 17:10 to 14).

According to this passage, the soul is also the blood that flows in our veins.

*"And he made to dwell on all the face of the earth every nation of mankind **out of one blood**, having determined the times appointed beforehand and the bounds of their habitation" (Acts 17:26).*

All the descendants of Adam and Chavvah were contaminated by a blood polluted by sin, i.e. by a soul, a life, completely corrupted by evil. The soul, the seat of will and character, drives mortals to pursue evil every day of their lives. Indeed, Satan uses the soul to tempt us, just as he used Chavvah's to seduce her. The will should be submitted to Elohim so as not to give in to temptation.

Do you know that your animality is a very powerful instrument that Satan loves to use against Elohim? The Adamic nature can become an extremely dangerous weapon for ourselves and those around us. Indeed, every time a person chooses to do evil, he harms his soul (Mishlei 8:36) as well as others. Christians will be totally delivered from their animal nature the day they put on their glorious bodies. Until our souls are totally renewed and we remain in our bodies, we'll be seen as animal human beings. The difference between the Christian, the unconverted and the carnal lies in the fact that the saints have dominion over their flesh. Clearly, if the convert is called upon to overcome

his animal condition, it is because it is always present within him.

II/ THE SOUL OF THE SPIRITUAL HUMAN BEING

Men and women, like most animals, defend themselves when attacked. It's a survival instinct. This innate behavior consists of saving one's own life, even at the expense of others. The spiritual person, like his Master, does not defend himself. He maintains his animal instinct in crucifixion, so that the fruits of the Spirit can manifest themselves in him. So the soul of the spiritual human being is in the image of the Mashiah's character, filled with the fruits of the Spirit.

"But those who are Mashiah's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. " (Galatians 5:24).

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, benignity, faith, meekness, self-control.** " (Galatians 5:22).*

In the world, there are feelings of love, joy, peace, etc., but they have nothing to do with the fruits of the Spirit. The birth of a child, marriage, graduation, the acquisition of a driver's license, the purchase of a house, etc. are events that bring joy to pagans and Christians alike. But the fruits of the Spirit are the manifestation of Elohîm's life in us. These are feelings that come from the heart of the Father. The difference between the joy felt when a baby comes into the world and the joy that is the fruit of the Spirit lies in the fact that this fruit is revealed in trials, criticism, tribulations, bad news, persecutions, attacks from the enemy and unkind words. All these things do not frighten people who have the fruits of the Spirit. And if they are saddened, they quickly pull themselves

together, for the peace of the Mashiah guards them. Indeed, it's in suffering that joy must be manifested, it's in trouble that peace must be kept, and it's in criticism and provocation that self-control takes effect, and so on. Those who have this privilege do not react to problems in the same way as pagans. While the Gentiles are downcast, those who have the fruits of the Spirit rejoice, for Mashiah is their joy (Nehemyah 8:10). Their hearts are not easily shaken, because they know who they believe in.

"Guard your heart more than anything one guards, for from it proceed the springs of life.
" (Mishlei 4:23).

The fruits are manifested in the heart or soul, because this is where the sources of life come from. The fruits of the Spirit are the life of the Mashiah in us. The spiritual human being is therefore the one whose animal part has been crucified, so that the life of Yehoshua may be revealed in him. Indeed, the old human being must die, to allow the Fruits of the Spirit to produce the flavor that will restore the taste of Elohîm's life to all souls in perdition in this world.

A/ Love

It is the fruit par excellence, for Elohîm is LOVE (1 Yohanan 4:8).

The Greeks used several terms to describe love, depending on the strength and nature of the feeling. In English, there's only one term for them, which is why they're all translated by the same word.

1. Eros

Eros is the Greek *elohîm* of passion, love and creative power. It represents desire and passionate love, i.e. carnal love. It aims to satisfy the body and can be provoked by the senses. It's about the physical attraction two people feel for each other. The Greeks used this word to refer to love at first sight or seduction.

2. Storgê

First it is about family love, i.e. the natural tenderness we all feel for our loved ones. Secondly, it refers to friendship in the truest sense of the word, i.e. the tenderness born between two people who consider themselves to be related even though they are not. For example, David and Yehonathan (1 Shemuel 18:1).

3. Philos or Philadelphia

Philadelphia comes from the Greek *philos* "friend", "to be friends with someone", "to wish them well" and *adelphos* "link", "brother", or "matrix". It designates the fraternal friendship and affection that each of us can have for someone we like, whom we see regularly and for whom we feel good. It may concern a work colleague, a classmate, etc.

4. Agapè

It corresponds to the Love in the noblest and strongest sense, hence why it's often written with a capital "L". It's a totally divine, active and selfless Love. He's sincere and indestructible. This love is poured into the hearts of Christians by the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). It can encompass the other three types of love, giving them their nobility and solidity. It is capable, through sheer willpower, of going beyond other expressions of love and applying itself to unfamiliar or unknown people. At last, he can gradually destroy the hatred he feels for someone. It is this word that is used in the New Covenant when

speaking of the Love of Elohim for human beings, the Love of Christians for Elohim and the Love they must show for one another and towards those who do not know the Lord. A spiritual person is one who always feels this kind of love.

In the book of Markos chapter 12 verses 29 to 31, it says: *"But Yehoshua answered him: The first of all the commandments is: Listen Israel, the Lord, our Elohim, the Lord is one. And **you shall love the Lord your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.** This is the first commandment. And the second is similar: **You shall love your neighbor as yourself.** There is no other commandment greater than these."*

B/ Joy

Joy, *gil* in Greek, means "to jump", "to leap for joy". *Simhah* or *sameah* means "to shine" or "to be luminous". Finally, the Greek word *charas* translates as "intense joy". This term therefore covers several Hebrew and Greek words with different meanings, enabling us to grasp the deeper meaning of joy. This word is in the same family as *char is*, i.e. "grace". So we can say that joy flows from grace.

C/ Peace

Peace of heart is the assurance that nothing can happen to us without the Father's perfect will. This assurance is shown when facing problems or in torment (Markos 4:35 to 41). Sickness, death, bad news, attacks by sorcerers and demons, economic and political crises never shake people who have this peace. This conviction is the result of peace with Elohim. The Father's revelation gives us such assurance that pagans take us for fools, because in the face of difficulties we keep our cool. Peace of heart is nothing other than

trust, or faith in Elohim who never lies. Money can't bring the serenity that only the Holy Spirit can. A person can have all the wealth in the world and still lack peace. This peace is the opposite of fear. He who has the peace of Elohim in his heart no longer fears anything. Whatever the difficulties, if we have his peace, the problems and bad news that worry pagans won't trouble us, won't disturb us.

"I leave you peace, I give you my peace. I don't give to you the way the world gives. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be alarmed. " (Yohanan 14:27).

D/ Patience

"My brothers, take as your example of patience in affliction the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we call blessed those who persevere. You have learned what Iyov's perseverance was, and you have seen the end of the Lord, for the Lord is full of compassion and mercy. " (Yaacov 5:10 to 11).

This fruit prevents us from murmuring against Elohim because of our suffering. *"Blessed is the man who endures temptation! Because, having been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love him. "* (Yaacov 1:12).

When you receive a promise that seems long overdue, you have to wait patiently for it: *"YHWH answered me and said: Write down the vision and engrave it on tablets so that it can be read fluently. For the vision is still for the appointed time, and it speaks of what will happen in the end, and it will not lie. If it tarries, wait for it, for it will come, it will come, and it will not tarry. "* (Habakuk 2:2-3).

It's total trust in Elohîm, who always fulfills his promises. " *But perseverance must perfectly accomplish its work, so that you may be perfect and complete, so that you lack nothing.*" (Yaacov 1:4).

When we suffer, we must manifest this fruit, so as to stand firm in the face of every thought the enemy sends our way. " *YHWH is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.*" (Eikha 3:26).

For lack of this fruit, many people have made decisions that have cost them dearly. Marriages were celebrated in haste, some entered to their ministries before Elohîm's time. Indeed, when a person receives the Lord's call, he or she is put into a spiritual ovum, which symbolizes intimacy with him or the secret places according to Matthaïos chapter 6 verse 6, because everything happens in secret. This gestation period lasted thirty years for the Lord Yehoshua and forty years for Moshe, for others ten years and so on. If this person leaves this training time in a hurry, he'll be a runt and will destroy his calling. That's why you need to be patient. Let's not be like Moshe, who wanted to answer the call before the end of the gestation period, resulting in the death of a man and the rejection of his brothers.

"He turned from side to side and saw that no one was there, so he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. He went out on the second day and saw two Hebrew men quarrelling. He said to the culprit: Why do you strike your neighbor? To which he replied: Who made you man, prince and judge over us? Do you want to kill me like you killed the Egyptian? And Moshe was afraid and said to himself: Surely the case is well known. Pharaoh heard of the affair and tried to kill Moshe. But Moshe fled from the face of Pharaoh, stopped in the land of Midian and sat by a well." (Shemot 2:11 to 15).

The ten virgins of Matthaïos 25 had slumbered and fallen asleep because they lacked patience: "*And when the bridegroom delayed to come, they all slumbered and fell asleep.*" (Matthaïos 25:5). In the same way, the wicked slave of Matthaïos 24 changed his behavior when he considered that his lord was slow in coming, like a Christian who abandons the faith or lets his flesh take over when he feels that Elohîm is slow to act in the situation in which he finds himself: "*Who then is the faithful and prudent slave, whom his lord has set over all his servants, to give them food at the proper time? Blessed is the slave whom his lord, when he arrives, will find acting in this way! Amen, I say to you, he will establish it over all his possessions. But if he is a wicked slave, who says to himself in his heart: My lord is slow in coming. And if he begins to beat his fellow servants, if he eats and drinks with those who are drunk, the lord of that slave will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know.*" (Matthaïos 24:45 to 50).

"Since all these things are thus dissolving, what people should you be in holy conduct and piety, waiting for and hastening the parousia of the day of Elohîm, on account of which the heavens on fire will be dissolved and the fiery elements will melt away! But we are waiting, according to his promise, for new heavens and a new Earth in which justice dwells. Therefore, beloved, while waiting for these things, strive to be found by him spotless and innocent in peace. And consider as salvation the patience of the Lord, as Paulos, our beloved brother also wrote to you, according to the wisdom given to him. " (2 Petros 3:11 to 15).

Thanks to this fruit, we can avoid many of the enemy's traps and await the glorious return of our Lord and Savior Yehoshua.

The Scriptures ask us to have the patience that the Jewish ploughmen had after sowing

the land. *"Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the parousia of the Lord. Behold, the plowman waits for the precious fruit of the earth, taking patience with it, until he has received the rains of the first and last season. You too. wait patiently and strengthen your hearts, because the parousia of the Lord is drawing near. "* (Yaacov 5:7 to 8).

The Jewish ploughmen waited patiently for the first and last rains. Indeed, the Hebrew people were a farming people, totally dependent on these two rainy seasons (Yirmeyah 5:24) which were essential for sowing and harvesting fruit. The rain of the "first season", *morech* in Hebrew, meaning "torrential", appeared towards the end of October, so in autumn. This opened the agricultural year by softening the soil hardened by the summer drought, thus preparing the arable land for sowing. This rain fell in Acts 2. After four hundred years of spiritual drought (from the departure of the glory of Elohim from the temple of Yeroushalaim, (Yehezkel 10), to the time of Yohanan the Baptist) the rain of the first season was sent upon the one hundred and twenty disciples of Yehoshua. The rain of the "back season", *maigowsh* in Hebrew, which means "spring rain", consisted of heavy showers, much appreciated by ploughmen as they fell just before the harvest and the long droughts of the summer months. After years of spiritual drought, we patiently await the final outpouring of the Spirit to prepare the Bride for the Lord's return. Without this rain, the fruits of the Spirit cannot ripen.

E/ Goodness

It's the quality of caring.

The Greek root of goodness, *agatos*, translates as "good constitution or nature", "useful", "salutary", "good", "pleasant", "pleasing", "joyful", "happy", "excellent", "distinguished", "right" and "honorable". It includes purity, innocence, humility, compassion, mercy and

so on.

Its opposite is wickedness.

1 Shemuel 25 tells the story of Nabal, a very hard and wicked man who despised David and refused to help him. And while he had escaped the latter's vengeance thanks to the intervention of his wife, Abigail, Nabal died of suffocation due to his malevolence. Abigail, who had shown David goodness, became his wife.

"Now I myself am also persuaded concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, and can even warn one another. " (Romans 15:14).

He who has goodness will have good dispositions, good intentions in his heart. It prevents us from doing things with impure motives.

A person with a good heart is like a child: *" In that same hour the disciples came to Yehoshua, saying: Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven? And Yehoshua, having called a child, set him in the midst of them and said to them: Amen, I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whosoever shall humble himself as this child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. " (Matthaios 18:1-4).*

Those who have goodness as a fruit of the Spirit refuse to slander or defame others. Even if they are harmed, they reject self-righteousness and prefer to withdraw gently.

"Now the birth of Yehoshua Mashiah happened in this way. Myriam his mother, having

*been betrothed to Yosef found herself seer in the womb by Holy Spirit before they had lived together. But Yosef her husband, being a **righteous** man, and not wanting to expose her to public disgrace, resolved to repudiate her secretly. But while he was thinking about it, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said: Yosef, son of David, do not be afraid to take Miriam, your wife, with you, for what has been begotten in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a son, and you shall call his name Yehoshua, for he will save his people from their sins. But all this happened in order to fulfill what the Lord had foretold through the prophet, saying: Behold, the virgin shall have in her womb and bear a son, and they shall call his Name Immanou-El, which, interpreted, is: El with us. So Yosef awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took his wife. " (Matthaios 1:18-24).*

The word translated just in this passage also means "reasonable", "innocent", etc. In a judicial sense, it expresses making a just judgment of others. Yosef had felt betrayed and deceived by the woman he loved, but instead of denouncing her to the elders to be stoned according to Moshe's law (Devarim 22:23-24), he offered to part with her discreetly, to spare her death.

F/ Benignity

Benignity, *chesed* in Hebrew, and *chrestotes* in Greek, can be likened to "piety" when it is directed towards Elohîm. In a broad sense, it designates favor, good deed, benevolence or mercy. It's a person's disposition that inclines him or her to understand others and show clemency towards them. It is also the quality of a will that aims for the good and happiness of others. To possess this fruit is to be indulgent, kind and gentle to all, whatever their origin, race or cultural background. It's a fruit that allows us to express

Elohîm's mercy. Therefore, to be useful for the Lord's work.

*"...nothing from party spirit, or vain glory, but from humility, **esteem others** than yourselves. Look not everyone to his own interest, but also to the interest of others. "* (Philippians 2:3 to 4).

The Lord having spared us from death by wiping out our debts even though we didn't deserve it, he expects his children to do the same to their fellow human beings; which was unfortunately not the case of the wicked slave in Matthaïos chapter 18: *"That's why the Kingdom of heaven is like a human being, a king who wanted to make his slaves accountable. And when he started counting, he was presented with one who owed him 10,000 talents. And because he had no money to pay, his master ordered that he be sold, with his wife and children and everything he had, and that the debt be paid. But this slave, throwing himself at his feet, begged him, saying: Lord, have patience with me and I'll give it all back. But the slave's lord, moved by compassion, released him and forgave the debt. But the slave went out and met one of his fellow servants, who owed him 100 denarii. And having taken him, he strangled him, saying: Pay me what you owe me. But his fellow servant, throwing himself at his feet, begged him, saying: Be patient with me and I'll pay for everything. But he wouldn't have any of it, so he went and threw him in prison until he'd paid the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were extremely saddened, and went to tell their lord all that had happened. Then, summoning him, his lord said to him: wicked slave! I forgave your debt in full, because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have taken pity on your fellow servant, just as I took pity on you? And his lord, being angry, delivered him to the executioners, until he had paid him everything he owed. This is what my heavenly Father will do to you, unless you forgive your brother his trespasses with all your heart. "* (Matthaïos 18:23 to 35).

In Yohanan chapter 8, our Savior Yehoshua Mashiah showed kindness to a woman caught in adultery when the Pharisees wanted to stone her. He who possesses this fruit will constantly seek to help his neighbor with care and compassion.

G/ Faith

There are three kinds of faith:

- Faith, gift of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:9);
- Faith, synonymous with the Gospel (Galatians 1:23);
- Faith, fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22; Hebrews 11).

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1).

First, there's the substance of the things we hope for. This substance is unshakeable. Secondly, faith is the conviction or materialization of invisible things. Faith is also the affirmation, the formal promise that something is true, certain and safe. It's also a guarantee given about something.

With faith as the fruit of the Spirit, we please Elohim: *" Now it is impossible to please him without faith, for he who approaches Elohim must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of those who seek him."* (Hebrews 11:6).

Faith is indispensable for salvation: *" But what does it say? The word is close to you, in your mouth and in your heart. This is the word of faith we preach. For if you confess with your mouth the Lord Yehoshua, and believe in your heart that Elohim raised him from the*

dead, you will be saved. For with the heart we believe unto righteousness, and with the mouth we profess unto salvation " (Romans 10:8 to 10).

Faith is a fruit that has been abandoned by many Christians in these end times: "*I tell you that he will execute vengeance for them quickly. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on Earth?*" (Loukas 18:8).

"But the Spirit expressly says that in the last times some will depart from the faith, clinging to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons" (1 Timothy 4:1).

Most of the people the Lord healed had faith in him: "*And he said to him: My daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace, and be healed of your plague.*" (Markos 5:34).

Prayer must have faith as its foundation. "*Therefore I say to you: Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you receive it, and it will be yours.*" (Markos 11:24).

Where everyone says it's difficult and impossible, men and women of faith say it's possible. With faith, mountains, giants and insurmountable problems are vanquished in the name of Yehoshua.

The Lord wants His children to be totally dependent on Him: "*(...) But the just shall live by his faith*". (Habakkuk 2:4).

"If, however, you remain grounded and steadfast in the faith, and do not turn away from the hope of the gospel you have heard, which is preached to every creature under heaven, of whom I Paulos have become a servant." (Colossians 1:23).

H/ Meekness

"Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. " (Matthaios 11:28 to 30).

The Lord invites us to rest. Indeed, he does not bully us, for it is in meekness and rest that the Master teaches us and reveals the Father's heart to us. To receive his instructions properly, we need this fruit.

The Scriptures also ask us to be meek and humble with one another. Humility and meekness go hand in hand and make us servants of Elohîm, not those served.

"Brothers, even if a man is caught in some fault, you who are spiritual, straighten him out with a spirit of meekness. Take heed to yourself, lest you also be tempted. " (Galatians 6:1).

"I beseech you therefore, I the prisoner in the Lord, to walk worthy of the vocation to which you have been called, with all humility and meekness, with patience, bearing with one another in love" (Ephesians 4:1-2).

"Therefore, as the elect of Elohîm, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with the bowels of mercy, benignity, humility, meekness, patience. " (Colossians 3:12).

"But you, O man of Elohîm, flee from these things and seek righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, meekness. " (1 Timotheos 6:11).

"Now it is not right and proper that a slave of the Lord should have quarrels, but that he should be meek to all, able to teach, patient to faults, gently correcting those who have a contrary feeling: perhaps Elohim will give them repentance for the accurate and correct knowledge of the truth " (2 Timotheos 2:24 to 25).

Elohim's Word is often compared to honey (Tehilim 19:10; 119:103; Yehezkel 3:3). For example, manna, the image of the Word, tasted like honey: *" The house of Israel called it by the name of manna. It was like white coriander seed and tasted like honey cake. "* (Shemot 16:31).

Yehoshua, the Word of Elohim, is also the Rock from which the honey flows. *" He made him ride on horseback on the heights of the earth, and he ate the fruits of the field. He gave him to suck honey from the rock, oil from the hardest rock"* (Devarim 32:13).

How can a rock produce honey, i.e. sweetness? This is the mystery of Elohim! Shimshôn turned it into a riddle after killing a lion (Shoftim chapter 14). In the same way, the Word must first kill the lion within us, so that people will consume the honey that will come out of it. Like Shimshôn, who had to kill the lion (the strong one) to eat the honey (the sweet one). The old human being, animality, is that strong being which prevents us from serving the Lord and which must be crucified, so that all the fruits of the Spirit, including meekness, may be manifested in our lives.

(For self-control, see chapter 4, the divine solution).

III/ THE SOUL OF THE CARNAL HUMAN BEING AND THE UNCONVERTED

In the Greek text, the noun "animal", *psuchikos*, designates "the principle of animal life"; "what human beings have in common with animals"; "the sensual nature that is subject to appetites and passions". The animal human being is the one who lives according to the vanity of his thoughts, his intelligence being obscured by darkness (Ephesians 4:17 to 19). He is a stranger to the life of Elohim because of the hardening of his heart. He is dominated by sin and the works of the flesh.

The Lord declared in Yohanan chapter 3 verse 6 that *"that which is begotten of the flesh is flesh "*. So the unconverted is carnal by birth. Indeed, non-believers may have diplomas, a decent education and good works to their credit, but they are carnal by nature. If it is the norm for the unconverted to be dominated by his animal aspect, this is not the case for the carnal Christian who is born of the Spirit. But both are slaves to their Adamic nature.

A/ The works of the flesh

*"But the works of the flesh are obvious: these are **adultery, illicit sexual relations, impurity, unbridled lust, idolatry, witchcraft, enmities, quarrels, jealousies, animosities, party spirits, divisions, sects, envies, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these, concerning which I predict to you, as I have already told you, that those who commit such things will not inherit the Kingdom of Elohim. "*** (Galatians 5:19 to 21).

1. **Adultery**

This work of the flesh corresponds to having sexual relations with a person other than one's husband or wife. This term, in Greek *moichos*, also designates infidelity to Elohim,

the act of indulging in idolatry and worshipping a being other than him, or even an object.

2. *Illicit sexual relations*

It comes from the Greek word *porneia*. It is the behavior of a person who transgresses the moral laws instituted by the Lord regarding intimate relations. This concerns all depravities (fornication, i.e. all sexual relations before marriage, homosexuality, zoophilia, pedophilia, prostitution, adultery, incest...), but also idolatry, which is considered prostitution by Elohim.

3. *Impurity*

It is the character of that which is polluted, soiled, altered or corrupted by foreign elements. Thus, impure thoughts soil the person who does not reject them when they appear in his or her mind. They are also acts contrary to Elohim's Word, such as masturbation, etc.

4. *Unbridled lust*

From the Greek, *aselgeia*, this word can also be translated as "excess", "lasciviousness", "libertinism", "impudence" or "insolence". It denotes depravity of morals, debauchery and lack of morality.

5. *Idolatry*

It's the impossibility of doing without someone or something. Anything or anyone you find hard to part with is an idol.

Idolatry also includes the practice of false religion and occultism (yoga, transcendental meditation, astrology, invocation of the dead, etc.). (Yesha'yah 8:19)).

6. Witchcraft

Witchcraft is a magical or mystical practice whose aim is to exert a generally harmful action on others (spells, bewitchments, possessions, etc.) or on animals or plants (livestock diseases, crop failure, etc.) (Dictionary). This term is synonymous with sorcery, enchantment, incantations, magic (black, white, etc.), human sacrifice, augury, invocation of the dead, astrology, divination, occultism... In Scripture, all these things constitute abominations (Devarim 18:9 to 14).

Witchcraft also refers to something hidden, secret.

As for the word "magic", it comes from *pharmakeia*, from the Greek root *pharmakeus*, and translates into English as "enchanters", "sorcerers" or "magicians".

"But for the timid, the unbelieving, the abominable, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters and all liars, their portion will be in the lake burning with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. " (Apokalupsis 21:8).

7. Enmities

They are defined as the natural antipathy and instinctive aversion that animals feel towards each other (CNRTL).

In Greek, *echthros* means "to hate", "enemy", "hostile", "opposition to Elohim in spirit". So it's the hatred one person feels for another, but also for his Creator (1 Yohanan 4:20).

8. The quarrels

They are "disputes", "struggles", "fights", "wars" of words. These terms come from

madow, *maststwa* in Hebrew and *machomai* in Greek, which mean essentially the same thing. Quarrels can have as their causes and/or consequences backbiting, anger, debates...

9. Jealousies

Jealousy is the desire to possess what belongs to others, or to be in the place of others, criticizing them for their graces, possessions, successes, etc. It also corresponds to envy. Indeed, the Greek word for jealousy in Galatians, *phthonos*, translates as "to envy".

10. Animosity

Similar to enmities and quarrels, animosities are characterized by a higher degree of intensity. They are manifestations of a malicious disposition. They systematically result in violence, aggression, wars, conflicts and the desire to do harm.

11. Party spirits

These are heated discussions, quarrels and clashes caused by a lack of mastery of the language, which can lead to great suffering: "*He who guards his mouth and tongue guards his soul from distress.*" (Mishlei 21:23).

12. Divisions

Divisions are synonymous with divorce, opposition and zizania. The spirit of rebellion is a source of division, for it can lead a large number of people into rebellion against the authority established by the Lord and thus cause discord within assemblies.

13. Sects

From the Greek *hairesis*, the word sect designates "a group of men following their own

principles". There's also talk of sectarianism, racism, tribalism, communitarianism and so on.

14. *Desires*

It's the desire to possess the same things as others, or the impossibility of doing without something. For example, desiring other people's gifts, ministries, wives or husbands.

15. *The murders*

It is the act of deliberately taking the life of a human being, with or without premeditation. The word "murder" comes from the Greek *phonos*, meaning "massacre" or "assassinate". According to the Scriptures, it is first an evil thought, before becoming an act (Markos 7:21).

16. *Drunkenness*

It corresponds to debauchery (Loukas 21:34). It consists in drinking alcohol habitually and without moderation, to the point of losing control of one's actions.

17. *Orgies*

Originally, orgies were defined as solemn celebrations in honor of Dionysus, or Bacchus (Le Robert), a divinity at the heart of Greek religion. During these cults, all kinds of excesses were permitted, especially those relating to the table (eating and drinking) and sexual pleasure. Some drugs even circulated to liven things up. On this occasion, a huge wooden phallus was carried in the procession. Today, we speak of orgies in reference to all the excesses of the flesh.

It's also the act of eating or drinking to an extent that exceeds one's satiety, i.e. the

satisfaction of one's own hunger. An example is bulimia nervosa, characterized by an irrepressible urge to eat without necessarily feeling hungry.

Some people can't help but eat when they're not hungry. Others automatically break their fast at the mere sight of food.

18. And similar things

"(...) and things like these, concerning which I predict to you, as I told you before, that those who commit such things will not inherit the Kingdom of Elohim. " (Galatians 5:21).

"For those who are according to the flesh think about the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit think about the things of the Spirit. For the mind and purpose of the flesh is death, but the mind and purpose of the Spirit is life and peace. Because the mind of the flesh is enmity against Elohim, for it does not submit to Elohim's torah and is not even capable of doing so. But those who are in the flesh cannot please Elohim. But you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, for the Spirit of Elohim dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of the Mashiah, he is not his. " (Romans 8:5 to 9).

Animality manifests itself not only in the works cited in the epistle to the Galatians, but also in everything that can be the object of vain glory, such as ethnic origin, social rank, or the works we have accomplished.

"Although I also trust in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he trusts in the flesh, how much more so do I: circumcised from the eighth day, of the race of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews, a Pharisee as far as the Torah is concerned. As for the zeal, persecuting the Assembly. As for righteousness in regard to the torah, become

blameless. " (Philippians 3:4 to 6).

B/ Sin, a fire that inflames human animality

Sin is the transgression or violation of Elohim's law. Taken in its strict sense, the word "sin" comes from the Hebrew *hatta't* (or *het'*, *hatta'ah*) and the Greek *hamartia* which means "to miss the goal" or "deviation from a target" (Bereshit 20:9; Shoftim 20:16; Romans 3:23). Thus, he who sins misses the purpose for which Elohim created him, i.e. eternal life. It is therefore the deliberate violation of Elohim's will or Word revealed to mankind. It's also a state, namely the absence of justice. It manifests itself in thought or deed.

The devil, the first creature to rebel against Elohim (Yesha'yah 14:12 to 17; Yehezkel 28:11 to 19), brought sin into the world through Adam (Romans 5:12).

We are living in very difficult times, when sin is reaching levels unprecedented since human beings have been on Earth. Not only is sin increasing in unprecedented proportions, but the situation seems inescapable and uncontrollable. Indeed, Yehoshua Mashiah predicted the growth of sin at the end of time. Today, no one can dispute the fulfillment of this prophecy. Not only has sin increased in the world, but it has also been introduced and strongly developed in Christian assemblies. Many of the faithful have become slaves to sin and live bound by all kinds of vices. We can already see the work of seducing spirits who are increasingly misleading converts, including assembly leaders. The scandals of all kinds we hear about in so-called Christian assemblies confirm this.

Non-believers are equally at a loss. Indeed, animality is characterized by all kinds of

unnatural sins. Our generation knows no limits when it comes to immorality. People marked by the beast will manifest all the attributes of bestiality. Even now, we can observe among pagans, and even among so-called Christians, the characteristics described in 2 Timotheos chapter 3: swindles, rapes, murders, debaucheries, prostitutions and all the forms of wickedness that have spread to the whole Earth.

Every day, the press reports more and more abominable events. Following the case of Austrian Joseph Fritzl, who kidnapped, raped and fathered seven children with his own daughter over a period of 24 years, a similar scandal has just surfaced, again in Austria. An octogenarian was recently arrested for confining and raping his two mentally handicapped daughters for 40 years.

A few years ago, American parents influenced by the gender theory, according to which we are not born male or female, but become so, changed the sex of their ten-year-old boy who apparently refused to accept his masculinity! In the same vein, a school called "Egalia" that promotes gender theory recently opened in Sweden. What makes it special? Toddlers between the ages of 1 and 6 are individuals, not boys and girls. The use of these words and of the first names "he" or "she" is prohibited.

In France, we've recently seen the appearance of the personal pronoun "iel", which is a neologism used to designate a person regardless of gender. So those who don't recognize themselves in the masculine/feminine genders claim to use this pronoun.

CHAPTER 3

THE BODY

"YHWH Elohim formed man from the dust of the ground. He breathed into his nostrils the living breath and the human being became a living soul. " (Bereshit 2:7).

The word "dust" underlines the fragility and transience of mortals. It is nothing more than the clay the Lord used to shape man and woman. Before passing through Elohim's hands, the clay (Adam) was trodden underfoot by the Serpent, and the animals in the Garden of Eden. This material is the image of our baseness, our sins, our incapacity, our ignorance, our weakness and our incompetence. The body represents the vile and abominable things of this world. But the Lord delights in making His glory shine by using weak things to achieve His purposes (1 Corinthians 1:26 to 29). Indeed, he has no need of those who already consider themselves great. From this material will emerge, after a long process of breaking down, a worker trained, shaped and capable of serving his Master faithfully.

"Remember your Creator in the days of your adolescence, before the evil days come and the years approach of which you will say: I take no pleasure in it. Before the sun and the light, the moon and the stars dim, and the clouds return after the rain. The day when the guards of the house tremble, when the talented men bend, when those who mold stop working because they are diminished, when those who look through the windows are darkened, when the two leaves of the door close on the street when the noise of the millstone lowers, when we rise at the cry of the bird and all the girls of the song weaken. When you're afraid of what's high and have terrors along the way. When the almond

*blossoms, and the grasshopper becomes heavy, and the berry that stimulates desire breaks, for the human leaves for his eternal home and those who weep make the rounds of the streets. Before the silver rope breaks, the golden vase shatters, the jug breaks on the spring, the wheel crashes on the cistern. **Before the dust returns to the earth, as it was there, and the spirit returns to Elohim who gave it.**" (Qohelet 12:1 to 7).*

While the spirit returns to its Creator, the body is doomed to return to dust and destruction.

*"For we know that **if our earthly house, a tent, is destroyed**, we have in heaven a building that comes from Elohim, an eternal house not made by the hand of man. For we also groan in this tent, longing to put on our dwelling which comes from heaven, since having been so clothed, we shall not be found naked. For we also who are in this tent groan, being burdened, because we desire, not to take off our garment, but to put on, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now he who formed us for this is Elohim, who gave us the pledge of the Spirit." (2 Corinthians 5:1 to 5).*

"Therefore from now on we know no one according to the flesh, and even if we knew Mashiah according to the flesh, nevertheless we do not so know him now." (2 Corinthians 5:16).

1/ THE BODY OF THE SPIRITUAL HUMAN BEING

A/ The body of the spiritual human being is the temple of the Holy Spirit

*"Do you not know that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit** within you, which you have received from Elohim, and that you do not belong to yourselves? Because you've*

been bought at a price. Therefore glorify Elohim in your body and in your spirit, which belong to Elohim." (1 Corinthians 6:19 to 20).

Because it is the temple of the Holy Spirit, the body must be kept holy and free from sin: *"knowing that our old self was crucified with him, so that the body of sin might be inactive, and that we should no longer be slaves to sin"* (Romans 6:6).

"So let not sin reign in your mortal body to obey it in its desires. And do not offer your members to sin to be weapons of unrighteousness, but offer yourselves to Elohim, as from the dead having become alive, and offer your members to Elohim to be weapons of righteousness." (Romans 6:12 to 13).

We really must learn to educate our bodies, for they are the house Elohim has chosen to dwell in. The spiritual human being has been given dominion over the needs and desires of his flesh. What's more, it has the ability to put to death any actions of the body that might bring it down.

"So then, brethren, we are not debtors to the flesh to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live." (Romans 8:12 to 13).

" For this is the will of Elohim: your sanctification. That you abstain from illicit sexual relation, that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor" (1 Thessalonians 4:3-4).

B/ Spiritual human beings dominate their senses

A person who can't control or discipline himself is particularly dangerous and vulnerable at the same time. In the book of Acts, chapter 24, verse 25, Paulos talks about self-control. Self-control is the virtue of those who are masters of their desires and passions, especially the appetites of the senses. (See Galatians 5:22 and 2 Petros 1:6).

Self-control is one of life's most difficult exercises, but it's also essential for winning battles and avoiding trouble.

"Don't you know that those who run in the stadium, all run, but only one receives the prize? Run to grab it. Anyone who fights in sports games is a master of all things. These, then, in order to receive indeed a corruptible crown, but we, an incorruptible one. This is how I run, not in an uncertain way; this is how I fight, not as beating the air. But I treat my body harshly and bring it into bondage, lest I myself be reprovved after preaching to others." (1 Corinthians 9:24 to 27).

The Greek word Paulos uses to refer to self-controlled athletes means "to control oneself", "to contain oneself", "to be continent", "to show self-control", "to conduct oneself with temperance". This term refers to the image of athletes preparing for games and abstaining from certain foods, wine and sexual contact. Paulos treated his body (his senses) harshly and enslaved it to avoid disapproval.

Unlike the unconverted and the carnal Christian, the spiritual human being does not use his senses to surrender his body to sin. On the contrary, because his senses can become gateways for demons, he watches over them, i.e. what he looks at, what he hears, and

what he may be led to touch, etc.

The Lord expresses this ability of the spiritual human being to dominate over his senses in Matthaios chapter 5 verses 28 to 29: *"But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her. But if your right eye causes you to fall, pluck it out and cast it from you, for it is to your advantage that one of your limbs should perish, and that your whole body should not be cast into hell"*.

The Christian is like his Lord, he judges justly and not according to appearances and rumors: *"But a rod will come out of Jesse's trunk, and a shoot from his roots will bear fruit. The Spirit of YHWH will rest upon him, Spirit of wisdom and discernment, Spirit of counsel and strength, Spirit of knowledge and fear of YHWH. He will smell the fear of YHWH. He will not judge by sight of eye, nor correct by the rumor of his ears."* (Yesha'yah 11: 1 à 3).

C/ Spiritual human beings take care of their health

During the desert crossing, the Lord gave the Israelites instructions about what to eat. Indeed, their march lasted forty years. During this period, they could not consult a doctor. That's why they had to take care of their health so as not to destroy their bodies. This would have prevented them from reaching their goal.

As a tabernacle, the spiritual human being takes care of his body. He pays attention to his diet, so as to be fit for the work the Lord has entrusted to him. Endowed with self-control, he is able to submit to fasts and vigils according to the Lord's guidance.

Many Christians have health problems not because they are attacked by demons, but

because they eat badly: too sweet, too salty, too fatty or in too large quantities.

But this tabernacle is above all a prison for the disciple. He is so subject to problems, illnesses, weaknesses that Paulos said: "*For we also groan in this tent, longing to put on our dwelling which is from heaven...*" (2 Corinthians 5:2).

II/ THE BODY OF THE CARNAL HUMAN BEING AND THE UNCONVERTED

The body was created by Elohim to enable us to enter into contact with the material world, notably through the five senses: sight, hearing, smell, touch and taste. However, the carnal Christian and the unconverted are dominated by their flesh and body, and therefore by their senses.

A/ The view

Sight is the ability to see, perceive and distinguish the environment around us: shapes, reliefs, light, colors... It is therefore the means by which living beings can contemplate the Lord's creation. Sin has perverted this natural capacity of the human being by introducing, through sight, unhealthy desires such as coveting, i.e. longing for what is forbidden. It does a lot of damage in the world, but also in the hearts of Christian people and in assemblies. The lust of the eyes is the source of evil or impure thoughts.

1. Covetousness

The Greek word *epithumia* and the Hebrew *taavah* mean "desire for what is forbidden" or "lust". The term *taavah* was first used in Bereshit chapter 3 verse 6 when Chavvah coveted the fruit of the forbidden tree. Covetousness is the cause of the fall. This desire for what is forbidden therefore precedes the appearance of sin in the world, just as pride

preceded the appearance of sin in heaven. So covetousness leads to disobedience. It is the root of many sins. Indeed, adultery, premarital sex, rape, theft, some wars and murders have their origins in lust.

It also encourages people to devote their lives to the pursuit of the desired object. Unlike the disciple who walks with Elohim, pagans and carnal Christians walk according to their own lusts (2 Petros 3:3, Yehuda 1:18), i.e. their life is aimed at satisfying the appetites of their flesh, their body. Consequently, covetousness is a characteristic of those who do not know Elohim (1 Thessalonians 4:5).

" For it is enough for us to have fulfilled in time past the will of the nations, walking in unbridled lust, lusts, drunkenness, orgies, drinking and criminal idolatries." (1 Petros 4:3).

"Love not the world, nor the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, the Father's love is not in him. Because all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passes away with its lust, but he who does the will of Elohim abides forever." (1 Yohanan 2:15 to 17).

The verb to love used in this passage is the Greek word *agapao*, generally used to refer to divine love. Unfortunately, many Christians have turned the worship due to the Lord on possessions. As a result, covetousness is associated with idolatry, as the object of desire becomes an *elohim* for the covetous.

Satan uses the same strategy he used to push Adam and Chavvah into disobedience. He uses our eyes to make us forsake the Lord and desire the things of this world, women,

men, etc. Too many Christians fall into the trap of advertising maneuvers that excite lusts and make them slaves to the consumer society. How many are dependent on televisions, plasma screens, the latest cell phones, luxury cars, fashionable clothes, while Yehoshua showed us an example of simplicity?

"But those who want to become rich fall into temptation, into a snare, and into many unintelligent and pernicious desires, which plunge humans into destruction and perdition." (1 Timothy 6:9).

Satan knows that once a sin is consumed, it begets others. That's why he excites the world to unbridled lust.

"My beloved, I urge you, as strangers and travelers, to abstain from fleshly desires that war against the soul." (1 Petros 2:11).

The word "war" used in this verse comes from the Greek *strateuomai*, which is reminiscent of the word "strategy". It means "to make a military expedition, to lead soldiers to war or battle". Unfortunately, many have fallen into this sin. The disciple must fight a real battle to avoid falling into the enemy's trap.

2. Covetousness: a process leading to death

In Yaacov chapter 1 verses 13 to 15, the apostle makes a comparison between Satan's attacks and the process of a woman's pregnancy: *"Let no one, when tempted, say: I am tempted by Elohîm. For Elohîm cannot be tempted by evil, and so he tempts no one. But everyone is tempted when they are lured and caught with bait by their own lust. After lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and sin being accomplished, begets death."*

Firstly, lust represents an intimate relationship that takes place out of sight. A person who covets, sins in his heart, secretly.

"But I tell you that whoever looks at a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart". (Matthaios 5:28). To lust after a man or a woman in the heart is, according to the Scriptures, to commit sexual sin in the spirit. Since it is a hidden sin, the person affected can keep up the appearance of piety for years.

"He closes his eyes to meditate on perverse things, and stirring his lips he performs evil". (Mishlei 16:30).

Then comes conception, which corresponds to pregnancy. Pregnancy lasts nine months, but for the first few weeks it's not visible. Moreover, a woman does not know immediately after fertilization that she is pregnant. Similarly, when we have conceived sin, we don't necessarily realize that our inner being is engrossed in its leaven. Many Christians are filled with all kinds of evil things that weigh them down and make them unfruitful (a life of prayer and meditation), without realizing that they are in a process that leads to death.

Finally, childbirth, which is the embodiment of sin and produces death. In this respect, the story of David is rich in lessons (2 Shemuel 11). In the year when the kings went to war, David stayed at Yerushalaim and coveted the wife of Ouriyah, his servant. He slept with her and had her husband murdered because of the child she was expecting. We can see in David's sin the process of covetousness outlined by Yaacov. He first lusted after Bath-Sheba, then he slept with her, she conceived and finally, there was death. First, that of Ouriyah, then of the child born of this adulterous union (2 Shemuel 11 and 12). But also the death of two of his sons. Amnon was killed by his brother Abshalom because he had

raped Tamar, their sister. Abshalôm also died after rebelling against his father. He had usurped the kingship by perpetrating a coup and having sexual relations with thirty of David's concubines. Let's not forget that the cause of all these consequences was David's covetousness.

Sin never goes unpunished.

"Because the decree against evil works is not carried out quickly, because of this, the hearts of the sons of men are filled to do evil." (Qohelet 8:11).

"Who told you that in the last time there will be scoffers, walking after their ungodly lusts. These are the ones who separate themselves, the animals that have no Spirit." (Yehuda 1:18 to 19).

3. The carnal gaze

The carnal gaze is the source of many problems. Those who let themselves be guided by the old human being judge others according to their appearance, not their heart. Individuals gather according to their characteristics: (skin color, dress, social environment...) like animals that only interact with members of their species and rarely mix with others (wolves, lions, elephants...). Racism, defined by the dictionary as "an ideology based on the belief that there is a hierarchy between human groups, formerly called 'races'", and the "behavior inspired by this ideology", is an aspect of human animality.

When it comes to sexuality, animals use many strategies to attract their partners. There are those who parade, those who build the most beautiful nest, those who win the fight,

those who sing or dance the best, those who give the best gifts and even those who take the best care of the little ones in the group. In short, animals choose their sexual partners based on external criteria. Just like humans! But there's a major difference between the two: in the majority of cases, animals make the right choice and assume their obligations. For the human species, deciding on the basis of physical and material criteria is the best way to destroy one's life. Yet it's physical attraction, material wealth and power that the flesh seeks.

"Grace is deceptive, and beauty vain. The woman who fears YHWH is the one who will be praised." (Mishlei 31:30).

This error of judgment is repeated in other areas, such as the choice of a leader. Unfortunately, the citizens of this world look for charisma rather than moral qualities in their leaders.

*"As he entered, he noticed Eliy'ab, and said to himself: The mashiah of YHWH is certainly before him. But YHWH said to Shemuel: Pay no attention to how he looks or how tall he is, for I have rejected him. It's not about what humans see. **Humans see what jumps out at to the eyes, but YHWH sees the heart.**"* (1 Shemuel 16:6 to 7).

Those with a carnal gaze will be more inclined to look after their physical appearance and their image in the eyes of others, rather than their inner self. This inevitably leads to a hypocritical attitude in order to win the approval of Men.

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you clean the outside of the cup and dish while inside, they are full of plunder and lack of self-control. Blind Pharisee! First,

clean the inside of the bowl and dish, so that the outside too becomes pure. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees hypocrites, for you are like whitewashed tombs, which indeed look beautiful on the outside, but inside are full of dead men's bones and every kind of impurity. So you too, outwardly you appear righteous to people indeed, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and violation of the torah." (Matthaios 23:25 to 28).

B/ Hearing

We wake up and go to bed to the rhythm of the media. Television, computers and smartphones inundate our ears with a flood of information whose rapid succession prevents us from understanding its meaning. Various facts, debates, false teachings, false religions, scientific experiments that contradict each other are causing confusion in the hearts of human beings. Imagination has reached new heights, as seen in philosophy, films and science fiction novels.

Our world has become very noisy.

Not to mention the people around us who don't master their language and say a lot of things... at work, at a family dinner or with friends. Unfortunately, all these speeches go by without us having time to digest them. Many pagans don't believe in Elohim because they are steeped in the teachings of evolution or the big bang... although most haven't even bothered to study these theories. Finally, our generation has no time for the simplicity of the Gospel because its ears are filled with useless information. Ears are the doors to the heart, for we listen with our ears, but understand with our hearts.

" For the hearts of this people have grown fat, and with their ears they have heard with

difficulty, and they have closed their eyes lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and be converted, and I should heal them." (Matthaios 13:15).

*"This, then, is what I say and testify in the Lord: that you no longer walk like the rest of the nations, who walk in **the perversity of their thoughts**. Having their minds covered by darkness, being strangers to the life of Elohîm, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening of their hearts. Having become insensible, they have given themselves over to unbridled lust to commit every kind of impurity with covetousness." (Ephesians 4:17 to 19).*

The word translated as "perversity", *mataiotes* in Greek, can also be defined as "that which is devoid of truth and propriety", "depravity" or "fragility". So the apostle Paulos makes us understand that the nations walk according to teachings devoid of truth, which make their minds dark, and cause separation from Elohîm, ignorance, hardening of the heart, dissolution and impurity. This means that Satan, who is the prince of this world, inspires his slaves with erroneous doctrines, so that they are unable to understand the Word of the Lord when it reveals itself to them.

*" When anyone hears the word of the Kingdom and does not understand it, **the Evil One comes and snatches away what is sown in his heart**: he is the one who received the seed along the way." (Matthaios 13:19).*

Because human beings enjoy listening to all kinds of impure information, criticism, murmuring, complaints of all kinds, blasphemous words, they make themselves unfit to receive the Word of Elohîm.

So there really is a causal link between what we hear and how we judge. For example, haven't you noticed that by listening to bad words and criticism of others, you end up judging them before you've heard them? (Yohanan 7:51). Your judgment may be impaired by unhealthy, nasty remarks made about them. If we have two ears and one mouth, it's to listen twice before speaking. If there's such a close link between what we hear about each other and the judgment we pass on them, we can also consider that there's a link between blasphemous speech against Elohim and unbelief.

Satan is well aware that this world is the result of the teachings it contains. He also knows the principle that it is from the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks. So what we hear has an immediate effect on the heart, then expresses itself in words. That's why the enemy knows that all it takes is to infect a single person with a speech that contradicts Elohim's Word to then infect a family, a group, and eventually a whole nation. Disbelief is contagious. Charles Darwin's theory of evolution inspires millions of people around the world.

The human being must therefore be careful not to be a mouthpiece for satanic speeches.

C/ The sense of smell

Whether it's the simple evocation of a scent or the smell of a meal or perfume, the sense of smell awakens emotional memories.

The food industry stimulates the sense of smell to boost sales. Bakeries and patisseries have been using these techniques for many years. Their sales suddenly tripled after the release of a bread flavor in an American supermarket. This sense amplifies taste, and the

use of olfactory senses can attract even the most reluctant customers. Studies show that the sense of smell is the most powerful of the five human senses. In fact, olfaction has the ability to trigger significant emotional reactions on the customer, and thus to incite him to impulse purchases.

In ancient times, cinnamon was considered a seductive fragrance. Mixed with myrrh and aloes, women sprinkled it on their beds to seduce men with its scent. Myrrh is used as a medicinal ingredient (stimulant and antispasmodic properties), but it is above all perfumery that continues to make it famous, particularly in the East, where it is used to enhance sensuality.

People who give free rein to their animality can give off a spiritual odor of myrrh perfume so bewitching, that they provoke impure attraction, desires and thoughts in others. If you feel irresistibly attracted to someone and your body reacts despite your will to resist, you're dealing with the spirit of seduction.

Have you ever wondered why some perfume brands are named after animals or have sexual connotations?

D/ Touch

The skin is the largest organ of all living beings. Thanks to it, humans and animals are able to perceive stimuli from the outside world, as well as from within. The skin communicates information about our surroundings, which can be a source of danger or pleasure. Moreover, Elohim provided animals with organs other than skin to enable them to understand their environment: the snout, the whiskers, the elephant's trunk...

Touch is a fundamental sense for emotional development and learning. We all know that a baby's first emotional contact is with its mother. In fact, it's by touching that children discover the world around them.

This sense is also very important in animal, where many social interactions involve touch. You only have to stroke an animal to understand how essential touch is. In monkeys, for example, delousing sessions, which enable them to rid each other of parasites and dirt in their fur, have a remarkable social function. Scientists have discovered that the sense of touch, manifested in the form of petting, stroking or cuddling in humans and animals, is a powerful stress-reliever, reducing aggression and depression. Touch therefore plays a part in communication and well-being. But this sense, which is essential to the social bond, especially the family bond, and which takes on its full meaning in the context of the couple, has been perverted by sin. Whereas it was intended to consolidate an existing bond, for example within marriage, nowadays men and women caress each other and have intimate relations even before getting to know each other. In some societies, it has even become a norm and a sign of social integration. So not having sex before a certain age, or not having multiple partners, is considered shameful.

Recently, the study of animal sexual relations has led scientists to dissociate mating from reproduction. In animals, sexuality is as much an instrument of bonding and social peace as it is a means of multiplying. Bonobos, for example, resolve their conflicts by resorting almost permanently to sexuality! With bonobos, everyone copulates with everyone else, young with old, female with female and male with male... It makes you wonder whether, when it comes to sexuality, men and women have not adopted the habits of this species of ape. Except that the almost constant availability of bonobos makes sexual violence against females completely unnecessary. Sex as a means of conflict resolution? "Make

love not war" was the slogan.

That pagans behave in this way is not so surprising, but as we can see, Christians are also very tactile. Many siblings touch and caress each other even though they're not even married.

Flesh loves to be caressed, so you need to be careful how you behave around others.

E/ Taste

Observe an animal: unless it's sick or dying, it never refuses to eat. On the contrary, his life was devoted to hunting. In the same way, some people are governed by their dietary needs.

"They whose end is destruction, whose elohîm is their belly, who put their glory in their shame, and think only of the things of the earth." (Philippians 3:19).

Take the example of the Hebrews in the desert. From beginning to end they murmured because they were afraid of dying of hunger or thirst. They even despised the manna the Lord gave them: *"They set out from Mount Hor, by the way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. The soul of the people grew impatient along the way. The people spoke against Elohîm and against Moshe: Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to kill us in the desert? For there is no bread and no water, and our soul hates this despicable bread"* (Bamidbar 21:4 to 5).

The Hebrews' elohîm was their belly, and this made them incapable of serving the Lord

properly. Even today, many people are slaves to their appetites.

"Under three things the Earth trembles, and under four it cannot bear: Under the slave when he reigns..." (Mishlei 30:21 to 22).

The body, the material part of living beings, was conceived by Elohim as a slave at the service of the human spirit. But it is the body's desires that dominate humanity. When not under the guidance of the mind, the body is like a driverless train capable of doing a lot of damage. Indeed, not only has it become the tool that helps us choose our leaders, our spouse, our friends... but many people devote their lives to satisfying its needs. In this way, the unconverted or the carnal Christian build their life according to a criterion that is ephemeral, fleeting, unstable and devoid of reason.

In animals, the five senses are highly developed. They are reliable communication tools. For example, they can be recognized by smell or hearing... But in human beings, the body should not be a tool for making decisions. Indeed, what is valuable are the inner riches that are not perceptible by the body, but by the spirit (where intelligence and discernment are found).

Despite this, today's society encourages its citizens to unleash their primitive instincts by giving them the legal means to satisfy their bodies' needs. For example, the right to abortion makes it possible to dissociate sexuality from its reproductive function. By supposedly giving women control over their bodies, they can refuse to give life to their children. The animal, on the other hand, accepts the consequences of its unbridled sex life.

CHAPTER 4

THE SOLUTION TO AVOID GIVING INTO ANIMALITY

All his life, the disciple of the Lord will have to fight the desires of his own flesh which are contrary to those of the Spirit (Galatians 5:16 to 18). Indeed, the flesh "*does not submit to the Torah of Elohîm, (...) it is not even capable of it.*" (Romans 8:7). This means that animality will oppose Elohîm's Word until the believer's death. The Christian must therefore prepare himself to wage a real war against the many appetites of the flesh, among which are the pleasures and lusts that fight in our members and wage war against our soul (Yaacov 4:1; 1 Petros 2:11), sin, feelings, the works of the flesh (Galatians 5), the love of money, gluttony, narcissism... Yet many of these works pose no problem for the unconverted and all those who give free rein to their Adamic nature and live their animality to the full. But when societies are faced with limitless bestiality, they are forced to pass laws to curb the savagery of human beings and invest in programs to try and protect society from the perversity of their members. Indeed, news reports show that many indulge in boundless violence: cannibalism, orgies, zoophilia, pedophilia, feminicide, infanticide and other offenses punishable by prison sentences. So it's hardly surprising that humans have organized themselves to try and cure their own bestiality, or on the contrary, to allow it.

I/ HUMAN SOLUTIONS

Human solutions to animality are many and varied. They are preventive (laws, customs,

education, etc.), punitive (judicial or popular repression, etc.), but also tolerant (therapeutic care, legalization of certain practices previously considered reprehensible, etc.). But whatever they are, we see them as a desperate search for remedies of all kinds, forgetting that there is only one truly effective solution, the one that was provided over two thousand years ago: the cross.

Some come from the Word of Elohim. For example, the justice system is not only a human response to animality, it's also a divine solution. Unfortunately, when humans break away from the Lord's counsel, the solution, even if of divine origin, becomes corrupted in their hands. Others are simply demonically inspired. One example is the ritual murder of Hindu widows (the sati rite), aimed at combating sexual immorality by preventing these women from remarrying or having intimate relations outside marriage.

A/ Solutions based on the law and state authorities

According to Aristotle, human beings are political animals. He is the only one who possesses logos, which enables him to differentiate between what is just and unjust. This ability would enable him to organize himself within a society with laws and customs. Other philosophers, such as John Locke, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Thomas Hobbes and others, have postulated that, before evolving into society as we know it, human beings lived in a state of nature, i.e. without being subject to a state and the rules of life decreed by the latter. For some of these theorists, human beings in the state of nature are fundamentally good, because they are endowed with reason (Locke). But for others, the political system is necessary to fight animality. Indeed, Hobbes declared that "man is a wolf to man", and that without organization, human beings would find themselves under the domination of the law of the strongest, just like animals. And this law can only lead to

permanent war between men. The state of society would therefore establish peace and equality between human beings as far as possible, so that war would cease.

1. The importance of the law

The point of these theories for us as Christians is to realize that even the sages of this world have understood that without a framework, the human being would be uncontrollable, subject as he is to the desires of his animal nature. Moreover, this framework was instituted by the Lord since it says in Romans chapter 13 verses 1 to 7: *"Let every soul submit to the authorities that are above it, for **there is no authority that does not come from Elohim and the authorities that exist were instituted by Elohim.** This is why he who resists authority opposes Elohim's order. And those who oppose it will bring condemnation upon themselves. **For magistrates are not a terror to good works, but to evil ones.** Do you not want to fear authority? Do what is good, and you will receive praise from the same. **For he is a minister of Elohim** for your good. But if you do wrong, fear. **For it is not in vain that he bears the sword, for he is a minister of Elohim, an avenger of wrath against him who practices what is evil.** This is why we must be submissive, not only because of anger, but also because of conscience. For this is also why you pay taxes, **for they are public ministers of Elohim,** those who constantly apply themselves to this. So give to all their due: to whom tax, tax; to whom tribute, tribute; to whom fear, fear; to whom honor, honor."*

Here the apostle Paulos was addressing the Romans. Roman law is at the origin of the Western legislative and legal tradition. The most important thing to understand is that certain principles of Roman law were influenced by Moshe's Torah. Indeed, the commandments of the Torah have spread throughout the world, and are found in the laws of many nations of Christian tradition, as well as pagan nations, even if their

legislative systems do not necessarily mention the biblical origin of their laws. For example, the creation of Adam and Chavvah in the image of Elohîm implies giving special importance and value to human life. In the field of law, this resemblance to the Creator has the effect of conferring on men and women the right to enjoy freedom and equal treatment. The benevolent treatment of foreigners and the condemnation of racism are rooted in several Torah commandments, including this one: *"If a stranger sojourning with you or settled among you for many generations offers an offering made by fire whose fragrance is tranquilizing to YHWH, he shall offer it in the same way as you. There will be a single status for the assembly, for you and for the foreign resident. There will be one perpetual status in your ages: **the foreigner will be as you are before YHWH. There shall be one torah and one ordinance for you and for the stranger sojourning among you.**"* (Bamidbar 15:14 to 16). For Elohîm, the foreigner must enjoy a status equivalent to that of the citizen and the right to obtain the same support as the native of the country: *"If your brother becomes poor and his hand falters near you, you shall support him, **whether he be a stranger or an inhabitant, so that he may live with you.**"* (Vayiqra 25:35). All these laws, all these biblical principles have enlightened human beings, who have drawn inspiration from them to change laws that were not so kind to foreigners, slaves or the destitute. What's more, the Bible as a whole has been a source of what we now call human rights.

In fact, through this statement to the Romans, Paulos approved of social organization and its authorities (sovereign, magistrates, governments, etc.) insofar as these have been established by the Lord to render justice. Indeed, it is said that the mission of these authorities is to punish those who practice what is evil and praise those who practice what is good. This principle stems from the notion of justice, since it's a question of giving each person his due.

*"Therefore be subject to every human institution, for the Lord's sake: either to the king, as being above others, or to governors, **because they are sent by Him indeed for the punishment of wrongdoers and to approve those who do right.**" (1 Petros 2:13 to 14).*

Consequently, the Lord approved of the existence of state authorities since their purpose was to render justice. Indeed, like Moshe's law, these authorities were expressly established because of human animality, sin and evil deeds.

*"Now we know that the torah is good, if anyone uses it lawfully, knowing this, that **it is not for the righteous that the torah is established, but for the violators of the torah and the refractory, for the impious and the sinners, for the without religion and the profane, for parricides and murderers, for fornicators, for homosexuals, for slave traders, for liars, for perjurers and for everything that opposes sound doctrine, according to the Gospel of the glory of the blessed Elohim, which has been entrusted to me.**" (1 Timotheos 1:8 to 11).*

As long as there are animal human beings, there will be laws and authorities charged by the Lord to maintain order and reveal sin.

*"For when we were in the flesh, the passions of sins, because of the torah, acted in our members in such a way as to produce fruit for death. But now we are free from the torah, having died to the one under which we were held, so that we are slaves in the newness of the Spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. So what shall we say? Is the torah sinful? May this never happen! **But I only knew sin through the torah. For I would not have known covetousness, if the torah had not said: You shall not covet.** But, seizing the opportunity, sin produced in me, by means of the commandment, all kinds of lusts,*

*because without the torah, sin is dead. But I used to live without torah. But when the commandment came, sin came to life, but I died. And the commandment that was for life, I found to be for death. For sin seized the opportunity, deceived me by means of the commandment, and killed me by its means. **Thus, the torah is truly holy, and the commandment is holy, and just and good.** Has what is good become death for me? May this never happen! But sin, in order to manifest itself as sin, has produced death in me by means of what is good, so that, by means of the commandment, sin becomes excessively sinful. **For we know that the torah is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. For what I accomplish I do not understand, for what I want I do not practice, but what I hate I do. But if I do what I don't want to do, I admit that the Torah is good. But now it is no longer I who do this, but the sin that dwells in me. For I know that there is nothing good in me, that is, in my flesh, because the will is within my reach, but I cannot find the means to accomplish what is good. For the good I want I don't do, but the evil I don't want I do. But if I do what I don't want to do, it's no longer me doing it, but sin living in me. So I find this torah within me: when I want to do what's good, it's evil that's within my reach. For I take pleasure in Elohim's torah according to the inner man, but I see in my limbs another torah that struggles against the torah of my mind and makes me captive to the torah of sin that is in my limbs. Wretched human being that I am! Who will deliver me from the body of this death? I give thanks to Elohim through Yehoshua Mashiah our Lord! So then I myself, by the mind, am indeed the slave of Elohim's torah, but by the flesh, of sin's torah.**" (Romans 7:5 to 25).*

Through this passage, we understand that the function of the Torah, and therefore of all the laws inspired by it, is to reveal evil. Firstly, the human being acquires knowledge of sinful behavior through the commandments. Secondly, the animality of humans is revealed through their inability to obey Elohim's law. Indeed, being enlightened by the

law about their true nature, animal humans are able to take pleasure in the Lord's commandments and desire to practice them. Even if, in the end, they find they can't!

So we can see that laws and the authorities established to enforce them are divine solutions that human beings have taken over. But these laws and authorities became corrupted under the influence of the Anti-Mashiah.

2. A solution corrupted by the Anti-Mashiah system

The more the unholy system of the Anti-Mashiah takes hold, the more society and its laws become corrupted, to the point of falling under the curse of Yesha'yah: "*Woe to those who say evil is good and good is evil, who turn darkness into light and light into darkness, who turn bitterness into sweetness and sweetness into bitterness!*" (Yesha'yah 5: 20).

In the time of the apostles, the authorities were recognized by Christians as being established by Elohim to dispense justice. Today, this is no longer the case. These authorities no longer aim to praise those who practice good and punish those who practice evil. On the contrary, to praise those who do evil and punish those who do good. Indeed, the whole world is under the power of the devil who is its elohim (2 Corinthians 4:4) and prince (Yohanan 14:30). He uses man's Adamic nature not only to encourage him to sin, but also to push his animality to the limit.

"He will speak words against the Most-High, he will harass the saints of Elyown, he will intend to change the times and the law, and they will be delivered into his hands for a time, the times, and the half of a time" (Daniye'l 7:25).

"And he was given a mouth that uttered great things and blasphemies, and he was also

given power to act for 42 months. And he opened his mouth to blaspheme against Elohim, to blaspheme His Name and His tabernacle, and those who pitch their tents in heaven." (Apokalupsis 13:5 to 6).

The Anti-Mashiah's mission is to change the times and the law, to blaspheme the name of Elohim, his tabernacle and his servants. This has a double consequence: hatred of the Lord and worship of the beast. Indeed, we have seen that the ears are the gateway to the heart and therefore to faith. What we hear has a direct influence on what we think of the Lord. So those who listen to the beast's blasphemous words about the Creator will develop hatred for him.

"Those who forsake torah praise the wicked, but those who keep torah wage war against him." (Mishlei 28:4).

In other words, animality reaches its climax when, under the influence of godless man, humanity goes so far as to hate its Creator. Hatred of Elohim is therefore the main characteristic of human animality at the end of time, just as the faithful's love for the Lord and their neighbor is a characteristic of spirituality and respect for the Torah.

*"But when the Pharisees heard that he had muzzled the mouths of the Sadducees, they gathered together in one place, and one of them, who was a doctor of the torah, questioned him to test him, saying: **Doctor, what is the great commandment in the Torah?** But Yehoshua said to him: **You shall love the Lord your Elohim with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.** This is the first and greatest commandment. And here is the second which is similar to it: **You shall love your neighbor as yourself.** On these two commandments depend all the Torah and the prophets."* (Matthaios 22:34 to

40).

"Now the end of the commandment is love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience and sincere faith" (1 Timotheos 1:5).

So there is not, as many think, a wicked Elohim of the Old Covenant, and a love-filled Elohim under the New Covenant. For the Creator's love was manifested when Yehoshua came to fulfill the whole law.

"For Mashiah is the end of the torah for the righteousness of every believer." (Romans 10:4).

So the love of Elohim and the respect for his commandments are linked: *"Whoever believes that Yehoshua is the Mashiah was begotten of Elohim, and whoever loves him who begotten, loves also him who was begotten of him. From this we know that we love Elohim's children, **when we love Elohim and keep his commandments. For this is the love of Elohim: that we keep his commandments.** And his commandments are not burdensome"* (1 Yohanan 5:1-3). The Torah aims to encourage human beings to love the Lord and their neighbor. It therefore reveals how to love them, and to love them is to keep the commandments. In other words, observe" them, "preserve" them, "reserve" them, "conserve" them, "practice" them and so on. This means that if you do away with these ordinances, the purpose of the Torah disappears: the love of Elohim and the neighbor, the accurate and correct knowledge of the Mashiah.

"And, because the violation of the torah will be multiplied, the love of many will grow cold." (Matthaios 24:12).

Consequently, the enemy's goal is to violate the Torah by changing Elohim's commandments. For the human being, even in his animal state, is capable of taking pleasure in the law (Romans 7) and standing in an attitude of repentance. But the one at the end of time will not even be able to endure sound doctrine, because he will have let the Anti-Mashiah fill his ears and heart with wickedness against the Lord and will have taken pleasure in the abandonment of His commandments. Therefore, they will be like their Elohim: blasphemous, hateful and in constant opposition to the Creator.

*"Let no one deceive you in any way. For first must come the apostasy and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, **the adversary and one who exalts himself against all that is named Elohim or that is worshipped**, he goes so far as to sit as Elohim in the temple of Elohim showing himself to be Elohim."* (2 Thessalonians 2:3 to 4).

The system of ungodly man will then aim to hide the law, as the revealer of sin and the animality of the human being, to replace it with a law and authorities that approve and encourage sin. That's why there have never been as many rules as there are today, whether national, regional or international. Because the best way to change one law is to replace it with another.

Haven't you noticed that when a group wants permission to sin, they demand laws? It could be enough to repeal the standards that repressed his behavior and put his life at risk. No, these people want their sin to be recognized, approved, facilitated and protected by law. And they go so far as to demand that any speech that condemns or questions their actions be banned. This is currently the case with those campaigning for the rights of LGBTQ+ people, who are even demanding that the language be changed in their favor. For example, introducing new terms into the dictionary, or deleting verses that condemn

their actions from the Bible, etc. This is not surprising, as the Anti-Mashiah has been given authority over every tongue according to Apokalupsis chapter 13 verse 7. He therefore has the power to change language by forbidding speech that runs counter to his ungodly laws and encouraging speech that endorses them.

His authority over language can also be seen in the various translations of the Bible. Indeed, the passage from Matthaïos chapter 24 verse 12 quoted above is translated in many versions of the Scriptures as: "*And, because **iniquity** will have increased, the charity of the majority will have cooled*". This hides the true purpose of the Anti-Mashiah: to change the law to provoke hatred of the Creator. Christians don't necessarily make the connection between iniquity and violation of the Torah. They are thus kept in ignorance of the crucial importance of changing the law in the installation of the beast system. Like those we mentioned about welcoming strangers. You only have to look at the construction of walls on the borders of certain countries to see how this law has changed. Indeed, in the 1990s, there were a dozen walls in the world. Today, there are some sixty of them, and more and more countries are planning to build them on their own land. Animals don't like to share their territory! As a result, Elohim's children must have a perfect understanding of His laws, so that they can understand when they are called into question in the world, and be ready for the return of the Mashiah.

We note again the authority on the tongue of the ungodly man regarding the term repentance, which has been replaced in some versions by the expressions "radical change", "change of life" or "change of behavior". Clearly, there is a fundamental difference between these expressions and the principle of repentance. It changes the meaning of the biblical message.

So we understand that laws and authorities are no longer solutions for limiting animality, but strategies that the enemy uses to bring it to a climax. For the devil wants his ungodly laws to be set in stone, branded into the consciences of Men so that they are no longer able to tell the difference between right and wrong, and become the strongholds that rise up against the knowledge of Elohim (2 Corinthians 10:3-4) spoken of by the apostle Paulos.

3. Examples of laws that contradict the Word of the Lord

3.1 The decriminalization of witchcraft in 17th-century France

"When you enter the land that YHWH, your Elohim, is giving you, you will not learn to do the abominations of those nations. Let no one be found among you who makes his son or daughter pass through the fire, no one who practices divination, witchcraft, spiritualism, who tells fortunes, no enchanter who makes incantations, no one who consults those who evoke the dead and those who have a spirit of divination, no one who consults the dead. For whoever does these things is an abomination to YHWH, and it is because of these abominations that YHWH, your Elohim, will dispossess these nations before you. You will have integrity with YHWH, your Elohim. For these nations, which you are about to dispossess, listen to those who practice spiritualism and divination, but YHWH, your Elohim, will not allow you to do so." (Devarim 18:9 to 14).

From this verse, we understand that the practice of sorcery was common in the land of Canaan, and more widely among peoples who were not subject to Elohim's Torah. Yet this law of the Lord has invaded the world, and many legislative systems have come to forbid this work of the flesh. Unfortunately, the many abuses that surrounded the implementation of this law led to its repeal. In France, for example, the decriminalization

of witchcraft is due to the fact that, among common crimes, witchcraft is the one that has most frustrated the judicial system. Indeed, those accused of practicing magic rarely had the opportunity to stand trial. Most of the time, they were lynched by the population with the consent of the magistrates. The Parliament of Paris then fought against the abuses of witchcraft trials (torture, ban on appeals...), then by prosecuting witch lynch mobs and complicit magistrates, and finally by breaking down witchcraft into two offenses: blasphemy (devilish talk and sabbats) and swindling (spells). Thus, in the 17th century, the crime of witchcraft was decriminalized, and prosecutions were gradually abandoned over the following centuries.

3.2 The decriminalization of abortion

"There shall not be in your land a woman who aborts, nor a woman who is barren. I will fill the number of your days". (Shemot 23:26).

The right to abortion has been considered a human right by the UN since 2016. These rights include those that are "inalienable for all human beings, without distinction of any kind, such as race, sex, nationality, ethnic origin, language, religion or other status ". The right to abortion is therefore placed among other rights such as the right to life, to education, to freedom of thought, expression and opinion, and so on.

This is one of the reasons why the UN has set itself the goal of *"removing policy barriers to safe abortion that are not medically justified, such as criminalization, mandatory waiting periods, the need for authorization from third parties (e.g. partners or family members) or institutions, and limits on the time in pregnancy when abortion can be performed"*. (Press release dated March 9, 2022).

We can therefore see that around this right, there is this mouth that utters great things that Daniye'l spoke of in chapter 7 of the book dedicated to him. All these pompous expressions (men rights, human rights or fundamental rights) have the effect of covering up the wickedness behind this act. In this logic, only the seductive aspects of human rights, the freedom to dispose of one's own body, the desire to save millions of lives of women who die during illegal abortions, etc., should remain. Abortion is one of those sins for which it becomes impossible to rise. In fact, it's not just the legislation, there's also pressure in terms of language. Previously, laws legalizing abortion were supposed to apply to women who had no choice. They were considered unhappy and desperate by public opinion. And their abortion was seen as a trauma that would stay with them for the rest of their lives. Today, all plaintive speech is frowned upon. Women who have abortions are required to do so without conscience. It's a human right that must not be hindered by one's own conscience or that of others. For example, the French law of January 27, 1993 on the offence of obstructing abortion prohibits the use of pressure or threats against women who wish to have an abortion. But this law also has the effect of making even those who wish to help these women keep their babies, by offering financial and material assistance, or who put forward other solutions such as adoption, appear reprehensible to public opinion.

3.3 Barbaric penalties

Many punishments are designed to repair or prevent the commission of a sin. Examples include the gang-rape of young girls to cleanse a family's honor, the chemical or physical castration of men convicted of sexual perversion, and all types of torture.

Another example is the rite of sati. In India, for a long time, a widow had to remain chaste for the rest of her life and adopt a lifestyle comparable to that of slaves. Even if a law has

put an end to this rule, it is still frowned upon for a widow to remarry. Hindus believe that a man's death not due to old age is the result of his wife's reprehensible behavior in previous lives. That's why when the husband died, these widows were destined to either misery or death. To misery, as they became slaves to their in-laws and no longer had the right to feed and clothe themselves properly. To death, because despite the deprivation of their ornaments, the shearing of their hair and the contempt reserved for them, the fear that the widow would behave immorally remained. This is why, to eliminate the risk of family dishonor, it was more prudent to kill the widow. The rite of sati consisted in immolating the wife on her husband's funeral pyre. Most dramatically, this rite also involved children. In India, some little girls were promised from birth to men who were sometimes very old. These men could therefore die long before living with their wives. They were destined for either death or a life of misery, even though they were only children.

B/ Education-based solutions

Preventing crime (and therefore animality) rather than punishing is one of the objectives of the UN and its Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The organization found that policies encouraging young people to finish their studies, offering them vocational training, free extracurricular activities, etc. were producing satisfactory results. Indeed, the organization assumes that deficiencies in family supervision, poor primary education and the quality of individual health are all causes of the rise in crime worldwide. The UN is therefore encouraging social players to raise young people's awareness of the law, and to build close relationships with local authorities.

According to the sages of this world, there are risk factors that favor the adoption of anti-

social behavior. The more factors involved, the greater the risk of falling into delinquency. Parental attitudes (lack of affection, authoritarianism or, on the contrary, excessive permissiveness, intra-family conflicts, mistreatment, etc.), family situation (single parenthood, mother's young age, number of children, etc.), financial situation (poverty, instability, etc.) are all environmental criteria likely to encourage young people to give free rein to their Adamic nature, rather than repressing it with the rules of good social conduct. Acting on these factors would therefore reduce the risk of these young people falling into delinquency. The social context therefore has a major impact on the expression of human animality. The more unfavorable the environment, the more the expression of animality will be harmful to society and subject to human justice. The more favorable the environment, the more the individual's animal behavior will go beyond the framework of worldly laws.

Here again, education is first and foremost a divine solution. Indeed, the Lord attaches great importance to the instruction of children. But the aim is to make them servants of YHWH who know His laws, principles, precepts and biblical history.

"Only take heed to yourself, and guard your soul carefully, all the days of your life, lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen, and they depart from your heart. Teach them to your sons and your sons' sons". (Devarim 4:9).

"And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but nourish them to maturity by the education and admonition of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4).

The goal of education, according to the world, is also for the child to become a servant. But this service has to be country-oriented. And to this end, the school must teach them

national laws and values, so that they are able to share a unique vision of the world with other citizens.

Indeed, although the aim of the school is to transmit knowledge, it is also to train citizens. Not citizens of heaven, but citizens of the society in which the child lives. Depending on the country, this particular mission is carried explicitly or implicitly by the school. But it's not the only one: the media, parents and other community players also play their part in shaping the citizen. Citizenship is about respecting the laws and values of a state. When the school takes charge, we realize that unlike other subjects, it must not only impart knowledge, but also act directly on the child's behavior.

As we know, in France, the values of the Republic must not clash with individual values, particularly those stemming from religion. And when there is a confrontation, the citizen is required to abandon his religious values in favor of those derived from the norms laid down by the State. When they change, so does the teaching of the school. For example, in September 2021, the French Ministry of Education published its guidelines for all national education staff on combating homophobia and transphobia. As one of the values of the Republic is respect for human dignity (here too we can see that they say great things), this implies that respect for this dignity must take precedence over the application of the law of the Lord. And while children are free to think in accordance with the fundamental rights granted to them by the Republic, they are not allowed to express their disagreement. The State does not allow him to put this passage of the Bible into practice: "*Do not participate in the fruitless works of darkness, but rather condemn them indeed!*" (Ephesians 5:11).

The raison to be in school is simply to teach children that citizens must aim for the general

interest of the Nation, not the particular interest of their religious community. This means that education, whether provided by parents, schools, the media... aims to turn children into fully-fledged citizens who will not stand up against the laws and values of the Republic.

Instruction was therefore a means of supervising human beings, to prevent them from giving free rein to their animality, as long as the laws were designed to apply justice derived from the Torah. But the more the system of godless man takes hold, the more education aims to shape Man, so that he willingly submits to the anti-biblical system of the beast.

C/ Therapy-based solutions

1. *Psychiatry-based solutions*

Some sciences aim to understand the structure and functioning of mental activity and the behaviors associated with it. Psychology comes from the Greek prefix *psychè*, meaning soul, and the Greek suffix *logos*, meaning "discourse ". It is the science of the soul. All the sciences that begin with "psy" have one thing in common: they help patients heal their souls.

Here are a few scientific terms used to describe disorders, disciplines or solutions related to the soul or spirit.

Psychology: "Discipline that focuses on knowledge of mental activities and behaviors as a function of environmental conditions."

Psychophysics: "A current of research, originating in the 19th century with Fechner, which aimed to relate sensations, as subjective states, to the corresponding physical stimuli".

Psychophysiology: "Scientific discipline that seeks to relate behaviors and, possibly, mental activities in human beings to the physiological processes that are thought to underlie them."

Psychopharmacology: "Branch of medical science that studies natural or synthetic substances whose main effect is on the psyche (psychotropic drugs, in particular)."

Psychopathology: "Branch of psychology whose object is the comparative study of the normal and pathological processes of psychic life."

Psychopathy: "A state of psychological imbalance characterized by asocial tendencies without intellectual deficit or psychotic impairment."

Psychosomatic: "which concerns both the body and the spirit. An organic or functional disorder of psychological origin."

Psychosociology: "Psychological study of social facts."

Psychosis: "Global alteration of the personality that disrupts the subject's relationship with reality."

Psychotropic: "Refers to a chemical substance (alcohol, medication, etc.) that acts on the

psyche.

Psychotic: "Said of a person suffering from psychosis."

Psychotherapy: "Any use of psychology means to treat a mental illness, maladjustment or psychosomatic disorder."

Psychotherapist: "Psychotherapy practitioner."

(Definitions can be found in the dictionary)

According to the WHO, one in four people is affected by a mental illness every year. *"Approximately 450 million people currently suffer from these pathologies, making mental disorders one of the main causes of morbidity and disability worldwide"*. In France, psychiatric illnesses rank third among the most frequent pathologies. Among the best known are schizophrenia include schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, depression, borderline personality disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorders... According to the WHO, two of people suffering from these diseases do not consult healthcare health professionals. And yet, optimistically, the WHO asserts that, with appropriate treatment (psychotropic drugs and therapy), *"relapses can disappear in over 80% of schizophrenics after one year's treatment with neuroleptics combined with family intervention. Up to 60% of depression cases can be cured by a judicious combination of antidepressants and psychotherapy. Nearly 70% of epileptics are seizure-free once treated with simple, inexpensive anticonvulsants"*. Today, the rule is to treat people with mental disorders with medication and therapeutic follow-up. But this hasn't always been the case: lobotomies, electroshock

therapy, isolation, etc. are among the psychiatric solutions to human animality.

2. Surgery-based solutions

Among the human solutions designed to cure human beings of their animality, we can mention acts of sexual surgery. Originally, these acts were intended to repress sexual practices considered deviant. Today, their aim is to facilitate them.

2.1 *The excision, a preventive solution against the sexual immorality of African and Oriental women*

According to the WHO, genital mutilation refers to "*all procedures resulting in partial or total removal of the external female genitalia and/or any other injury to the female genital organs performed for non-therapeutic purposes*".

The practice of excision dates back to ancient times, when it was associated with slavery. In Rome, it was used to prevent female slaves from having intimate relations and avoid unwanted pregnancies. Even today, it's linked to a form of submission. While some compare it to male circumcision, and thus to a rite of passage, others see it as a way of ensuring a woman's sexual purity and fidelity in marriage. Indeed, one wonders what the point of infibulation (the practice of suturing a woman's external sexual organs to leave only a small opening for the flow of urine) is, if not to prevent a woman from having intimate relations when she wishes.

These surgeries designed to ensure women's purity are not without danger: infections, urinary and genital problems, complications during childbirth (e.g. deep tears) are just some of the consequences of genital mutilation on women's health.

2.2 Surgery as a remedy for onanism, nymphomania, sexual perversions and psychiatric disorders in the West

It should also be noted that the practice of excision is not confined to people from Africa and the Middle East. It was used by European and American surgeons to treat certain women who indulged in onanism or were considered nymphomaniacs. From the 18th century onwards, clitoridectomy and castration (removal of healthy ovaries, known as Battey's operation) were practiced to cure women of nymphomania, onanism, neuroses, hysteria, epilepsy and other problems. Many doctors resorted to clitoridectomy, deeming this organ useless for reproduction and responsible for female sexual perversions. It is even compared to the male sexual organ and held responsible for rapes committed by women on other women.

Male castration was first applied to men to enable them to perform certain functions, as punishment for certain crimes and perversions, but also to cure various diseases and sexual practices. In the 19th century, as with women, male castration was practiced as a remedy for masturbation.

It should be noted that today, castration is no longer used to treat mental illness, but rather as part of sexual reassignment, to enable men to live fully what was previously considered a mental pathology.

D/ New Age solutions

In the 1960s, the United States was shaken by a number of major crises, including the protests over the Vietnam War, the struggle for civil rights, and so on. A movement began among young people, advocating living together without barriers, regardless of skin color,

sexual orientation or gender. They also expressed a desire to get away from the growing materialism and get closer to nature. Opponents of the established system found help and a reason to be in a doctrine that drew its source from several religious traditions, but also from Eastern and Western occultism, science and new technologies. This new doctrine gave hope to these idle populations for a period of peace and prosperity to follow Father's present period, dominated by conflicts of all kinds. After centuries of Enlightenment rationalism and the consequent rejection of all forms of divinity, human beings in the second half of the 20th century began to seek not Elohim, but some form of spirituality. The New Age offers human beings the chance to challenge the established order, the hope of a profound change in their nature and a better future. Indeed, his followers are waiting for the passage from the era of Pisces (the current era according to them) to the era of Aquarius. This era would last 2160 years, and would see the emergence of the world instructor. He is supposed to unify all the world religions that have prepared for his coming, and found "the world religion that will guarantee the future World Order" (The New Age, What do I know? by Jean Vernet). But their wait is not passive; each Aquarian child must, through various practices, change his or her consciousness and reach the state of Awakening, in order to prepare the way for this new era. It's a religion, but also a way of life that proposes solutions to the animality of the human being, promising its followers an era of peace in which each individual is transformed by a multitude of practices more or less based on the occult.

1. A mix of sources and practices

As we have seen, the New Age is based on a variety of sources: religious, scientific, technological...

1.1 Religious syncretism

The New Age is a syncretism, i.e. "a system that tends to merge several different doctrines" (Dictionary). In the religious sphere, this means mixing two or more religions to form a single one. What makes this movement so special is that it has no limits. Its aim is to abolish the frontiers between religions: Tantrism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity, Shamanism, Animism, Druidism, Kabbalah, Voodoo, etc. All religious and occult practices are welcome, as long as they help followers achieve their goals.

Marie-Jeanne Ferreux classifies New Age practices into three main areas:

- Personal development: gestalt, role-playing, systemic, mental training, rebirthing, as well as body expression, relaxation, sophrology, etc.
- Eastern and Western esotericism drawing on ancient practices (astrology, clairvoyance, numerology, yi king, zen, meditation, tarot, magnetism, etc.), as well as practices that emerged with the New Age (channeling, angelic dialogue, transcommunication, past-life regression, etc.).
- Getting back to nature: through a better diet (organic, dietetic, etc.) and by taking care of the body (gymnastics, alternative medicine, yoga, massage, etc.).

Newagers draw from all these fields at will, which means that there are as many New Age doctrines as there are individuals, since each can freely compose his or her own religion. In fact, Aquarian children are under no obligation to adopt any religious tradition in its entirety. So while some adhere to Christian practices, they don't consider Yehoshua Ha Mashiah to be Elohîm made flesh. At best, Yehoshua is just another "cosmic Christ". Nor do they feel obliged to follow the moral rules laid down in the Bible. They don't need to be saved, least of all by a deity outside themselves. They just need to be awakened. The

aim is even to get rid of the dogmas of religions, to trace them back to their origins, which they believe are common to all.

1.2 Scientific sources

Aquarian children also draw on recent scientific discoveries: brain function, genetics, quantum mechanics, astrophysics. More often than not, they use scientific discourse to legitimize their beliefs and give New Age the seriousness it lacks.

1.3 Technological sources

Computers and the Internet

New Age spirituality and the Internet have a lot in common.

Firstly, the New Age and the Internet were born in the same place, at the same time, in California. According to Divina Frau-Meigs, author of a 1996 article on technology and pornography in cyberspace, California will be the birthplace of a new lifestyle based on unbridled sexuality, self-fulfillment, New Age spirituality and new technologies. Drug use and the occult have their place here. This lifestyle has led the author to say that "California is becoming a laboratory for social experimentation through technology and sexuality", even quoting Vivian Sobschack, a critic of American society, who asserted that followers of this counterculture would go so far as to download their consciousness into the computer. The theme of consciousness is very present in New Age culture. For its followers, the Internet offers the possibility of connecting to a planetary consciousness that is itself a product of New Age ideology.

Secondly, the Internet and the New Age have the same goal: to change the world and create an interconnected world. These objectives are achieved mainly through

technology.

According to John Sculley, CEO of Apple, which some authors claim is a New Age-based company, computers will achieve this goal: "It's really now that computers are going to change the world, by transforming children who in turn will change our perspective on the world". He was right, today the problem is well known: a large number of children are addicted to screens and their content. And yet, for them, human beings have reached a higher level, having become better thanks to the Net and computers. For each individual's consciousness would have been enhanced by his or her connection to this common consciousness.

John Sculley is far from the only leader to embrace New Age ideology. Jean Vernet reports on a congress held in 1986 in New Mexico, where leading representatives of multinational corporations such as General Motors and IBM studied "a possible adaptation of the New Age, from occultism to Indian shamanism, to the training of their executives for greater competitiveness in world markets". What a program!

Thirdly, the Internet and the New Age are religions. The Internet is the object of a veritable cult. Cult, in the religious sense of "homage paid to God, to divine beings or to certain creatures particularly close to God ", as well as " all the ceremonies by which this homage is paid" (Dictionary). Cult, too, in the sense of "veneration, adoration for someone or something" (Dictionary). This may seem surprising, insofar as one might think that the web is the object of a cult in the sense of veneration of an object, like many other objects, without it reaching a religious aspect. Philippe Breton, a specialist in information and communication sciences and author of a book entitled "The cult of the Internet", noted that this tool is the object of a veritable cult in both senses of the term. Because

the Internet is perceived by many of its users as a god. You only have to look at one of the sources of the New Age, Gnosticism, to understand that, for certain Newagers, this divinity is that of wisdom and absolute knowledge, like the Egyptian divinity Thoth, associated with Hermes and Mercury.

Transhumanism

Transhumanism is the belief in the ability of technology, robotics, computing and medicine to improve or increase the physical, mental and cognitive capacity of human beings. This movement also seeks to abolish old age and death. So it's not just a quest to surpass one's natural abilities, but also a quest for immortality. According to transhumanists, human beings are autonomous beings who should be able to decide what modifications they want to make to their brain or DNA. Thanks to technological progress, he will become a being in perpetual evolution, superhuman and immortal. And for transhumanists, Man is the sole master of these transformations.

For example, they would like to be able to restore sight to the blind, eradicate Parkinson's disease and all other degenerative diseases using a brain implant, download the human mind into a computer, make the handicapped walk using animated prostheses, make human beings live for at least 1,000 years, and so on. Such good intentions! And yet they herald the parousia of the Anti-Mashiah, for when these things happen: "***then the violator of the torah will be revealed, whom the Lord will destroy by the Spirit of his mouth and annihilate by the appearance of his parousia. He whose parousia is according to Satan's efficacy, with all power, with signs and wonders of falsehood, and with all seductions of unrighteousness for those who perish because they have not received the love of the truth in order to be saved.***" (2 Thessalonians 2:8 to 10).

This movement is supported by Google, which funds companies in the NBIC field (Nanotechnologies, Biotechnologies, Computing and Cognitive Sciences). In fact, Raymond Kurzweil, notorious transhumanist and head of Singularity University, has been hired by Google to make its search engine the first artificial intelligence. He predicts that by 2045, human beings will be merged with this intelligence. And this fusion will result in the improvement of human intelligence ... a billion times over!

Here too, California is the center of transhumanist thought.

2. New Age goal: to transform human consciousness

New Age followers advocate transforming society through the personal transformation of each human being. This transformation will begin with a broadening of each individual's consciousness, to help them merge with the "universal cosmic consciousness".

2.1 A paradigm shift

A paradigm is a "theoretical model of thought that guides scientific research and reflection" (Dictionary). It is, according to the CNRTL, a "dominant theoretical conception current at a certain time in a given scientific community, which founds the types of explanation that can be envisaged, and the types of facts to be discovered in a given science". As we have seen, a paradigm is a method, a framework of thought, a model for thinking about the world and its reality at a given moment. But when faced with new problems, the old framework of thought is no longer adequate to interpret the new reality. So we need a paradigm shift. And that's exactly what the New Age advocates.

Marylin Ferguson, a fervent newager, defines the New Age as itself a paradigm. In her

words, it's "a new cultural paradigm, heralding a new era in which humanity will be able to realize a significant part of its psychic and spiritual potential". And this paradigm shift can only be achieved by broadening the consciousness of every human being, because according to them, it's only by changing mindset that humanity can regenerate and love can be liberated. Their aim is to help people understand that they can and must work towards their own personal development. With no need for Elohim, mankind would be able to change itself on its own! Moreover, they declare that with each reincarnation, the spirit purifies itself. For with each rebirth, he attains a higher degree of spirituality. Saving yourself is automatic!

2.2 Personal inner experience

Aquarian children claim to use the full capacity of the human brain. The aim is to awaken consciousness to unexplained potential, through an accelerated transformation of the brain. To this end, the newager can simply draw on the following experiences: hypnosis and self-hypnosis, meditation, etc. The esoteric consciousness modification techniques of the Rose Cross, theosophists and other occult societies, etc. Primal scream, positive thinking, creative visualization (used in shamanism, voodoo, tantrism). Physical disciplines: yoga, martial arts, etc., not forgetting activities such as athletics and climbing. But also experiences of artistic creation (painting, sculpture, singing...), contemplation of nature, and so on.

The aim is to develop attention, to reach Awakening, to discover one's true self and to become one's liberator.

2.3 What is consciousness?

Conscience, *suneidesis* in Greek, means "the awareness of all things", "the soul that distinguishes between morally good and bad, quick to do evil, shunning good, condemning the one and condemning the other". It is thanks to it that the word of the Lord finds an echo in the human heart when it comes to distinguishing between good and evil. More precisely, it's the conscience that accuses or excuses our actions.

*"But Yehoshua went to the Mount of Olives. But at dawn he went into the temple again, and all the people came to him. And sitting down, he taught them. **Then the scribes and Pharisees** bring to him a woman caught in adultery, and having placed her in the midst, they say to him: Doctor, this woman was caught in the act, committing adultery. Moshe commanded us in the Torah to stone such people. What do you say? **But they said this to tempt him, so as to have something to accuse him of.** But Yehoshua, having bent down, wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to question him, he rose up and said to them: **Let he who is without sin be the first to cast a stone against her.** And having bent down again, he wrote on the ground. **But they, having heard this, and being convicted by their conscience, withdrew one by one, beginning from the oldest to the last,** and Yehoshua was left alone, the woman standing in the midst." (Yohanan 8:1 to 9).*

Although the intentions of the scribes and Pharisees were to trap Yehoshua so as to have a legal reason to murder him, their conscience was more operational. Condemned by their conscience, they preferred to leave. It is therefore a precious ally of the Lord: *"For when the nations that have not the torah naturally practice the things of the torah, not having the torah, they are a torah to themselves. They demonstrate the work of the torah written in their hearts, their conscience bears witness, and their reasoning alternately accuses or even defends them."* (Romans 2:14 to 15).

It can be good and pure (1 Timotheos 1:19, 1 Timotheos 3:9), or branded and tainted (1 Timotheos 4:2, Titos 1:15), or weak or strong (1 Corinthians 8). But above all, it is purified through the sacrifice of Yehoshua: "*For if the blood of bulls and goats, and the ashes of a heifer, from which those who are unclean are cleansed by sprinkling, sanctify as to the purity of the flesh, how much more will the blood of the Mashiah, who by means of the eternal Spirit offered himself to Elohîm without blemish, cleanse your conscience from dead works, to serve the living Elohîm?*" (Hebrews 9:13 to 14).

We understand, then, that the function of conscience is to help human beings make sense of things, to accuse and defend their actions. As has been said, if the human being, even in his animality, is able to take pleasure in the Torah of the Lord, it is thanks to conscience. For when the Creator speaks, it confirms that what He says is true.

So why change consciousness? It's so effective that it even works on people as ill-intentioned as the scribes and Pharisees! The newagers' mission is to transform it. To what end, if not to alter its primary function, i.e. the ability to distinguish between right and wrong and to confirm the Word of the Lord? For this, they aim at all practices that lead to an altered state of consciousness, and through these practices, they touch on a domain reserved for the Lord. Indeed, only he can and must use our conscience. And when he does, he does so to purify it, unlike the newagers and other occultists who modify it until it has reached a stage where it can no longer be used.

3 New Age objective: Transforming society

3.1 Education

The newagers advocate transpersonal education, which aims to teach children how to learn effectively. The teacher must consider the child as a whole. That's why it's important

not just to impart knowledge, but also to build children's confidence and self-esteem. Indeed, for the newagers, the education system is ill-suited to students' brain capacity. So we need to help them use both hemispheres of their brain to the full. This New Age objective is also a current objective of the national Education. In fact, for several years now, there has been an effort to raise teachers' awareness of cognitive science and how the child's brain works. Let's not forget that one of the aims of transhumanism is to improve human cognitive capacity. But what is cognition? It is the "set of psychological structures and activities whose function is knowledge, as opposed to the domains of affectivity." (Dictionary). For example, language, memory, attention, reasoning, etc. Note that the New Age wants to touch every aspect of the human being, his or her consciousness, cognition, body and so on.

This educational model stems from the school of transpersonal psychology created by psychologists Abraham Maslow and Stanislav Grof. This school is interested in altered states of consciousness, in universal consciousness, and in personal fulfillment. As with other aspects of the New Age, to reach these non-ordinary states of consciousness, you need to engage in certain mystical practices. It's certainly with this in mind that in 2021, the Member of Parliament from Ille-et-Vilaine, Gaël Le Bohec (LREM) has proposed to Education Minister Jean-Michel Blanquer that transcendental meditation be experimented with in classes from CM1 to 5e (Grade 4 to Grade 7). The aim is to help young people concentrate and improve their school results. Fortunately, associations such as the Ligue des droits de l'homme, teachers' unions and parents' associations have called on the Minister of Education not to authorize large-scale experimentation. But that hasn't stopped a number of French schools from introducing it over the last ten years.

3.2 Health

For the newagers, allopathic medicine is rejected because it only treats symptoms, whereas New Age medicine considers the human being as a whole. The idea is so appealing that today a large number of caregivers claim to belong to the alternative medicine movement. These doctors would have the power to treat the patient in his or her entirety (mind, body, environment, etc.) and resolve the disharmony, the internal conflict of which illness and symptoms are revelations. These caregivers no longer just give medicines, but prescribe diets and physical exercise such as yoga. Acupuncture, homeopathy, phytotherapy, etc. are the preferred methods, as healers work primarily on human "energy", on the "chakras", on the "etheric" body, in order to act on the physical body. So we need to rebalance our energies, always by working on ourselves and, of course, through meditation and other occult practices.

The sources of these New Age therapies are numerous: traditional therapies (dietetics, phytotherapy, etc.) Ayurvedic and Tibetan medicine, magnetotherapy, hypnosis, astrology, dowsing, auriculotherapy and more. Most of these therapies are based on the belief that it is possible to act on the "energy" of the human being, and belong to tantrism.

Today, several French hospitals use hypnosis to anesthetize patients during surgery.

3.3 In agriculture

Findhorn

One of the founding events of the New Age took place in Scotland in 1962, when a man named Peter Caddy fled with his family to Findhorn after losing his job. The land in this

region was particularly difficult to cultivate. However, during one of her meditations, Peter Caddy's wife was instructed by her spiritual guide to create a vegetable garden. With the help of the "devas" (nature spirits), they were able to grow gigantic vegetables! A community grew up around this family, and together, with the help of meditation and the spirits, they continued to grow vegetables. Today, Findhorn has become an ecological village, training hundreds and hundreds of newagers every year.

Biodynamic agriculture

This agricultural production system was created by Rudolph Steiner, a recognized occultist and anthroposophist, in 1924. For Steiner, nature is influenced by cosmic (etheric, astral and spiritual) and terrestrial forces. The aim is to energize the soil with these forces, as well as with lunar, planetary and zodiacal rhythms!

Although most of his ideas may seem far-fetched, we can read an article on the French Ministry of Agriculture website about a winegrower who practices biodynamics. We learn that a label is dedicated to biodynamic agriculture (Demeter), but also that to be biodynamic, you must already have received the Bio AB label. We even learn that 13,000 hectares are certified with the aforementioned label in France. That said, Germany and Australia lead the way in biodynamic viticulture. Although organic and biodynamic agriculture do not follow the same principles when it comes to the occult nature of the production system, the fact that we simply use the shorthand "Bio" for both types of agriculture can lead to confusion about how a product has been grown. For example, the organic cosmetics company "Weleda" claims to be a Rudolph Steiner. Just click on the "our history" tab on their site to discover that their history goes back to two notorious occultists.

4 New Age goal: save the planet

The Aquarian children have become aware that the planet is sick: pollution, pandemics, over-consumption, etc. This sickness has been caused by materialism, which has led humans to treat the Earth as an object. This illness is said to have been caused by materialism, which has led humans to treat the Earth as an object. Whereas for the Newagers, the planet is a living being with a name, Gaia, which we absolutely must care for and save by adopting an eco-friendly lifestyle, far removed from the prevailing materialism.

That's why the media and politicians are encouraging people to consume less, but better, pointing the finger at excessive consumption by individuals, who are putting the Earth at risk. And yet, it would seem, there's nothing the average citizen can do about it. At the start of 2022, two NGOs (Oxfam and Greenpeace) published a damning report on the world's richest people. Entitled "Billionaires make the world go up in flames and the State looks the other way", the report reveals that:

- "The financial wealth of 63 French billionaires emits as much greenhouse gas as that of 50% of French households. With at least 152 million tons of CO2 equivalent in one year, the financial assets of these 63 billionaires emit as much as Denmark, Finland and Sweden combined.
- Three French billionaires emit, via their financial assets, more than a fifth of the French population.
- The Mulliez family (Auchan) alone emits as much as 11% of French households, or more than all the inhabitants of a region like Nouvelle - Aquitaine."

*"Now to you rich! Weep and wail over the misfortunes coming your way! **Your wealth is***

rotten and your clothes are moth-eaten, your gold and silver are rusty, and their rust will be a testimony to you and devour your flesh like fire. You have accumulated wealth in the last days. Behold, the wages with which you frustrated the laborers who reaped your fields cry out, and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of Lord Tsevaot. You have lived in great luxury on Earth, you have given yourselves to a life of sweetness and luxury, and you have fattened your hearts as in a day of sheep destined for the slaughter. You have condemned, you have murdered the righteous without him resisting you." (Yaacov 5:1 to 6).

5 Rejection of Christianity

Not only is Christianity rejected, but the newagers are announcing its end along with that of age of fish. In the view of many New Age and similar thinkers, the Elohim of the Bible is responsible for the conflicts that take place during this period. So, like the Anti-Mashiah, they blaspheme Elohim's name and thus provoke the Creator's hatred. In fact, one of the ancient sources of the New Age is Gnosticism. Now, according to some Gnostics, there are two deities. One they call the Demiurge would be the creator and ruler of the world. An evil, irascible and jealous divinity, its purpose is to hide the supreme divinity, who is just and good. For them, this Demiurge is none other than Yahweh!

6 A solution that has taken the world by storm

The New Age has become so commonplace that we no longer even realize that certain aspects of what preoccupies human beings today are the preoccupations of the newagers in California and Scotland in the 60s. Now everyone's talking the same language: save the planet, eat healthier, seek self-fulfillment, practice meditation, and so on. So much so that New Age principles have even invaded the Christian world. It's not uncommon to see congregations practicing positive thinking or creative visualization, even though these are

occult methods used in shamanism.

Many have adopted a New Age lifestyle without realizing it. Indeed, the great success of this movement is that it adapts to everyone and makes people forget the mystical origins of what it advocates. Indeed, we must not make the mistake of considering the New Age solely in its religious dimension. A person can be considered an Aquarian simply because they're addicted to the Internet, their smartphone, organic food, dietetics and alternative medicine. Another could be a Christian-Buddhist Newager. Yet another may believe that modern technology will greatly improve life on Earth, and that by going green we can create a more harmonious world.

All these thoughts are seductive and seem harmless at first glance. Yet they run counter to biblical doctrine. Indeed, the spiritual human being must build his life on faith in the Lord Yehoshua alone, leaving worldly concerns aside.

"Love not the world, nor the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, the Father's love is not in him. Because all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passes away with its lust, but he who does the will of Elohim abides forever." (1 Yohanan 2:15 to 17).

7 A demonic solution

"But the Spirit expressly says that in the last times, some will depart from the faith, clinging to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, through the hypocrisy of false teachers, having their own consciences branded with iron, preventing marriage, commanding abstinence from foods that Elohim created to be taken with thanksgiving

*by the faithful and by those who have known precisely the truth. Because all that Elohim has created is good, and we must reject nothing that is taken with thanksgiving, for it is sanctified by means of Elohim's word and prayer. By expounding these things to the brethren, you will be a good servant of Yehoshua Mashiah, nourished by the words of faith and the good doctrine you have exactly followed. But refuse profane and absurd fables like old wives' tales. Practice piety. **For bodily exercise is useful for few things, but godliness is useful for all things, having the promise of the present life and of that which is to come. This is a sure word, worthy of being fully received. For this is why we work hard and are insulted, because we hope in the living Elohim, who is the Savior of all humans, but especially of the faithful. Declare these things and teach them.**" (1 Timotheos 4:1 to 11).*

Dear friends, see how the Word of Elohim is precise. These are the classic elements of this false doctrine that are denounced by the Lord. Here we see the themes of conscience, nutrition and bodily exercise that we find in the early aspects of this movement.

The Lord, in His grace, has foretold what will happen in the last days, namely that a great number of Christians will be seduced by these demonic doctrines. Indeed, the Spirit announces that the children of Elohim will depart from the faith to attach themselves to these deceitful spirits. That is, they will "take heed", "pay attention", "listen carefully", "apply", "lend attention" to all these doctrines. Indeed, there is a difference between the person who, because he has "listened attentively" to these false teachers, will adapt his lifestyle, including his diet, according to their teachings, and the one who will follow Paulos' advice to the Corinthians: "**So whether you eat or drink or do anything else, do everything for the glory of Elohim.**" (1 Corinthians 10:31). And to the Romans: "*But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because it does not come from faith. **Now everything***

that is not of faith is sin." (Romans 14:23). Whatever he does, the spiritual human being does it for his Elohim. What's more, he's at rest, doing nothing to be saved; everything he does, he does because his Lord has saved him. In this way, he trusts in his Creator, who guards him on a daily basis and not in his lifestyle. For the spiritual human being lives by faith, and he knows that if he withdraws even a little from the truth, the Lord no longer takes pleasure in him (Hebrews 10:38).

The animal human being of the end of time, on the other hand, has reached such a deep level of corruption that he wants to become his own elohim. He is so proud that he believes he can act on several levels:

First, about himself. As we've seen, the New Age-influenced animal human believes he can act on his mind, soul and body. On the mind, by taking astral journeys, experiencing near-death experiences, going back to deep memories of early childhood or so-called past lives, and so on. On his soul, by adopting a lifestyle that will lead him to self-realization and personal fulfillment. He even believes that he can act on a particular part of his soul, his conscience, through occult techniques or the use of drugs to help him explore his "deeper self". On his body, by adopting a healthy lifestyle that protects him against disease. But if, by misfortune, he falls ill, all he has to do is self-heal by moving his "chakras". Better still, he's even entitled to "improve" to the point of immortality. Because the animal human being thinks he's all-powerful, that he can even act on his future with techniques such as positive thinking or creative visualization that will enable him to get whatever he wants.

Then, on the world and the planet. He believes that through his own efforts, he will be able to save the world by preparing every human being to enter the era of peace and harmony he strives to predict. Contradicting the Word of Elohim, which announces times

of unprecedented suffering. He still believes that human beings are on the verge of destroying the planet, but that the Aquarian child will save it by living a greener lifestyle! Forgetting that the Earth still has at least a millennium of life left, during which the Lord will reign with His chosen ones. During this period, there will be no earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions or pollution... But at the end of this millennium, the Earth will indeed be destroyed, by the Creator himself!

Finally, concerning Elohim. The animal human being allows himself to use his Word as he sees fit, to suppress and criticize that which does not suit him; to modify that which suits him in order to associate it with other religious practices. And like Satan before him, when he tempted the Lord in the desert, the animal human being interprets the Scriptures in a diabolical way without taking into account the one who is the Word personified. In spite of everything, he's convinced that he can connect to divinity as he sees fit, whether he thinks it's in himself, in plants, or in the cosmos, etc., even though he's permanently in an attitude of defiance towards the true Elohim.

Yet all these areas are under the exclusive power of Yehoshua. Firstly, human beings do not have the right to touch his very being. It is thanks to Elohim that the human spirit is resurrected, the soul is regenerated and the mortal body is replaced by an immortal and incorruptible body. Likewise, the planet and everything on it is his property; he is his creator and his destroyer. Last but not least, he is the Word personified, and no one may alter it under pain of suffering the punishments described in Apokalupsis.

This is why it is obvious that the origin of the New Age goes back to Bereshit 3:5: "*But Elohim knows that on the day you eat of it, your eyes will be opened, **and you will be like Elohim, knowing what is good and what is evil.***" You will be like Elohim and you will have

knowledge. It is this desire that has caused human beings to fall from spiritual to animal status, that causes many Christians to fall into self-righteousness and apostasy, and that is the foundation of the New Age. The desire to manage oneself, to practice one's own righteousness, to save oneself by one's own means and to serve the Creator rather than Him; whereas the Lord created the human being to be in communion with Him and dependent on Him. Only then could he succeed in the mission Elohim had entrusted to him. Indeed, it's important to understand that Adam and Chavvah were entrusted with dominion over the animals, subjugation of the Earth and cultivation of the garden. But the human being was not created to dominate his own life, transform his being, save the planet and modify the Word of Elohim and its justice! Yet under Satan's influence, he wants to become his own elohim and touch the Lord's reserved domains. The animal human being believes he is his own master, whereas he is under the influence of demonic powers.

So let's understand that the Lord wants totally consecrated servants, who feed on the tree of life, which is Yehoshua, and not on the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Animality must be nailed to the cross. So let's not let it wake up under the influence of the seductive and blasphemous speeches of the Anti-Mashiah, who knows how to stimulate the flesh to push it to its paroxysm!

II/ THE DIVINE SOLUTION

Who can save the soul if not the one who created it? The soul needs the Gospel, which is accompanied by the power of the resurrection, to be delivered from all kinds negative emotions and feelings: *"Therefore, laying aside every defilement and every residue of wickedness, receive with meekness the word that has been planted in you and that can*

save your souls." (Yaacov 1:21). Only the Word of Elohim can truly heal, cure and save our souls.

A/ The cross

1. The crucifixion of the old human being

*"For if we were born together with him, becoming like him in his death, we shall also be like him in his resurrection. **Knowing that our old human being was crucified with him, so that the body of sin would be inactive and we would no longer be slaves to sin.** For he who has died is justified from sin. But if we have died with Mashiah, we believe that we will also live with him. Knowing that Mashiah risen from the dead no longer dies, death no longer has dominion over him. For he died, and it was because of sin that he died once and for all. But by living, he lives for Elohim. In the same way, consider yourselves truly dead to sin, but alive to Elohim in Yehoshua Mashiah our Lord. **So let not sin reign in your mortal body to obey it in its desires.** And do not offer your members to sin to be weapons of unrighteousness, but offer yourselves to Elohim, as from the dead having become alive, and offer your members to Elohim to be weapons of righteousness. For sin shall not have dominion over you, because you are no longer under torah, but under grace." (Romans 6:5 to 14).*

When the Lord Yehoshua Mashiah died on the cross, our bodies were crucified along with him. At the moment of conversion, this crucifixion becomes effective. It is through this act that we benefit from deliverance from sin, the major obstacle to the Lord's call. The believer is freed from his power and given the ability to dominate his animality, i.e. his flesh. Indeed, the old human being is more attracted to sin than to pious things concerning the Kingdom. So it's thanks to the work of Elohim that we have the possibility

of dominating the animal part of our being. It is his hand or presence that prevents the works of the flesh from manifesting themselves. If Elohim withdrew his hand, no one could resist his animal side, the pressure of the flesh.

"Don't you remember that I used to tell you these things when I was still staying with you? And now you know what is holding it back so that it will only be revealed in its own time. For the mystery of the violation of the torah is already at work, only he who holds it back now will do so until he is out of the way. And then will be revealed the violator of the torah, whom the Lord will destroy by the Spirit of his mouth and annihilate by the appearing of his parousia." (2 Thessalonians 2:5 to 8).

2. Persecution

The cross also means persecution. Elohim may allow your enemies to insult, slander and reject you in order to keep you humble. To this end, the Lord can even use demons. Indeed, not to swell with pride, Paulos had a thorn in his flesh, a demon that followed him closely and whipped him.

*"And lest I should rise because of the excellence of these revelations, there was put a thorn **in my flesh, an angel of Satan to smite me, that I should not rise.** Three times I prayed to the Lord to take him away from me. And he said to me: **My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is fulfilled in weakness. I will therefore most gladly rather glory in my weaknesses, that the power of the Mashiah may pitch his tent over me.**"* (2 Corinthians 12:7 to 9).

3. Taking up one's cross

Deliverance is a grace that comes from Elohim. But we must keep ourselves in this deliverance by bearing our cross every day.

"But he said to all: If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Loukas 9:23).

*"But those who are Mashiah's have **crucified the flesh** with its passions and desires."* (Galatians 5:24).

If a Christian leaves aside the cross, that is, obedience to the Word of the Lord, the presence of Elohim, the life of prayer, he will give free rein to his animality. The more we distance ourselves from Yehoshua's presence, the more our animal side awakens. The longer we remain in the Lord's presence, the more strength he gives us to control the body of sin. Only the cross can keep flesh in submission to its Creator.

Paulos treated his body harshly to avoid disapproval: *"But I **treat my body harshly** and bring it into bondage, lest I myself be unproved after preaching to others."* (1 Corinthians 9:27).

The Greek word translated as "to treat harshly" also means "to beat black and blue", "to strike as if to cause bruises and pallid marks like a boxer training his body", "to treat him roughly, and discipline him by deprivation". The expression "to enslave" comes from a Greek term, *doulagogeo*, which can be defined as "to take into slavery", "to declare someone one's slave", "to make a slave", "to treat a person as a slave", "subject to strict and firm discipline". The body must be treated as a slave, not as a master. He has no right

to direct us, manipulate us and make us yield to his whims. Everyone needs to be aware of their weaknesses, so that they can take appropriate action. Some have weaknesses with alcohol, drugs, food, material possessions, anger or sexuality... Every Christian must know his animal side, in order to implore Elohim's grace in his life and finish the race. Indeed, many men and women of Elohim failed in their mission because they let their animal side express itself. Moshe did not return to Kena'ân because of the irritation or anger that drove him to disobedience. David's family was destroyed because he was weak in relation to women. The kingdom of Israel was divided in two because of Shelomoh's sexual perversion. The Christian must not be ignorant of his true nature, he must be aware that the old human being is permanently attracted by sin. Many Christians who thought that marriage would protect them from lust were disappointed when they realized that their flesh was never satisfied. Minimizing one's animality is a form of pride, for Elohim alone is Strong. So we are called to put to death the actions of the body through the Spirit, yet it is obvious that in order to put these members to death, we must be aware of their presence within us: "*Therefore put to death your members that are on earth: illicit sexual intercourse, impurity, lust, evil desire and greed, which is idolatry.*" (Colossians 3:5).

4. The thought of suffering

"*Mashiah having therefore suffered for us in the flesh, you too arm yourselves with the same thought. For **he who suffered in the flesh was freed from sin***" (1 Petros 4:1).

" *Because it has been freely given to you concerning Mashiah, not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him*" (Philippians 1:29).

Thus, suffering is an obligatory passage for any Christian who wishes to walk godly, as commanded by the precepts of Elohim (2 Timothy 3:12). It allows us to detach ourselves

from our animality, from the old human being who constantly wants to resurface. It's the remedy to crucify our flesh and be freed from our crooked heart. "*The wounds of a wound are a remedy for evil, so are blows that penetrate to the depths of the soul.*" (Mishlei 20:30).

"...I am the one who makes people die and live, I am the one who hurts and heals! And there is no one who can deliver from my hand!" (Devarim 32:39)

It is out of love that the Creator acts in this way towards us. even if our intellect fails to grasp it. In fact, we shouldn't be surprised when we experience difficult moments situations that can lead to conflict or distress, for this is our distress, because that's our lot in life. The potter shapes us as he pleases. that we may become vessels fit for all good deed (Yirmeyah 18:1 to 6). Anyone who keeps in mind that he or she will suffer while in the body will be better able to react to adversity and keep his or her eyes fixed on Yehoshua (Hebrews 12:2). He will continue the race and not turn away from him, but he will expect his help (Yesha'yah 40:31).

"Beloved, do not be shocked that there is in the midst of you the fire for your temptation, as if it had happened to you something new. But rejoice in the fact that you share in the sufferings of the Mashiah, so that when the revelation of his glory, you rejoice and exult. If you are insulted for the Name of the Mashiah, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and Elohim rests upon you. He is indeed blasphemed by them, but glorified by you. Indeed, let none of you suffer as murderers, or as a thief, wrongdoer or meddler. of others, but if it's as a Christian, let him have none. shame, but to glorify Elohim with this share. Because it is the time when judgment begins at the home of Elohim. But if it's us first, what will be the end of those who rebel against the Gospel of Elohim? And if the just is saved

with difficulty, he who is ungodly and a sinner, where will he appear? That's why those who suffer according to Elohim's will, hand over their souls to him, as to the faithful Creator, doing good." (1 Petros 4:12 to 19).

Suffering also enables us to be found worthy of entering the Kingdom, having fought the good fight of faith, having won it by the Spirit and not by the flesh: "*so that we ourselves may boast of you in the assemblies of Elohim, because of your perseverance and your faith, in the midst of all the persecutions and tribulations you endure. **This is the proof of Elohim's righteous judgment, so that you may be judged worthy of Elohim's Kingdom, for which you also suffer.***" (2 Thessalonians 1:4 to 5).

"*Now, if we are children, we are also heirs: heirs indeed of Elohim and joint-heirs with Mashiah, **if we suffer with him, that we may also be glorified with him.** For I believe that the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared with **the glory to come which is to be revealed to us**".* (Romans 8:17 to 18).

B/ Walking in the Spirit and self-control

Walking according to the Spirit requires sensitivity to the voice of the Spirit and total obedience to Elohim. Indeed, he who is born of the Spirit is like the wind: "*The wind blows where it will and you hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it's going. So it is with everyone who has been begotten of the Spirit.*" (Yohanen 3:8).

The wind can change direction at any moment, so walking by the Spirit can seem unpredictable and unstable to carnal people. The one who walks according to the Spirit cannot therefore be surrounded or understood by everyone.

"For the flesh desires the opposite of the Spirit and the Spirit the opposite of the flesh, and these things are opposed to each other, so that you do not practice the things you would." (Galatians 5:17).

Because the desires of the flesh will always oppose those of the Spirit, the Christian must demonstrate self-control, a fruit of the Spirit of Elohim, in order to win this daily battle and not give in to the whims of animality.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22).

"Now, for this same reason also, bringing to it moreover every eagerness, supply your faith with virtue, and to virtue with knowledge, and to knowledge with self-control, and to self-control with patience, and to patience with piety, and to piety with brotherly love, and to brotherly love with love. For if these things are in you and multiply, they do not make you lazy or barren for the accurate and correct knowledge of our Lord Yehoshua Mashiah. For he in whom these things are not present is blind, and cannot see afar off, having forgotten the cleansing of his former sins." (2 Petros 1:5 to 9).

Self-control comes from the Greek *egkrateia* and is derived from *egkrates*, which means "to be strong in something" or "in control", but also "control in appetite and moderation". The meaning of this derivative is self-control and, particularly, chastity, which concerns the control of one's sexual appetite (see the Oxford Universal Dictionary).

This fruit will save you a lot of trouble. Thanks to self-control, you'll think before you speak, judge, respond, and so on. Self-control is the virtue of those who are masters of

their desires and passions, especially the appetites of the senses. This fruit helps us to master our eyes, ears, tongue and sense of smell.

Lack of self-control causes a lot of unrest, anxiety, frustration and despair. The opposite of self-control is giving free rein to anger, excitement, impulsiveness, haste and so on. Those who lack this fruit make promises they can't keep. They respond before listening to others. They have difficulty controlling their emotions or feelings. They are very sentimental and carnal.

"Don't rush to open your mouth! Let not your heart hasten to speak before Elohim! For Elohim is in heaven and you are on earth. That's why you need few words! For as the dream comes from the multitude of occupations, so the voice of fools comes from the multitude of words. If you have made a vow to Elohim, do not delay in fulfilling it, for He takes no pleasure in the foolish. Fulfill the vow you made. It's better not to make a vow than to make one and not fulfill it. Do not allow your mouth to sin your flesh and do not say before the messenger that it is an involuntary sin. Why should YHWH be angry at your words and destroy the work of your hands? Yes, in the multitude of dreams there are vanities, and also in many words. Yes, fear Elohim! If you see in any province the poor oppressed, judgment and justice violated, wonder not at it, for over him who is exalted watches an exalted person, and above them are those who are exalted. It is a benefit to the land, a king who works in the fields." (Qohelet 5:1-8).

Anger in itself is not a sin, but the acts we put down under its effect can lead us to sin (Ephesians 4:26). The child of Elohim must be able to control his anger and not lose his temper. It has to be moderate: *"He who is quick to anger acts foolishly..."* (Mishlei 14:17).

*"So, my beloved brothers, let every human being be quick to listen, **slow to speak and slow to anger, for man's anger does not fulfill Elohîm's justice.**" (Yaacov 1:19 to 20).*

"Returning to no one evil for evil, seeking honest things before all humans. If possible, as much as it depends on you, be at peace with all human beings. Do not avenge yourselves, beloved, but give place to anger, for it is written: Vengeance is mine! I will repay, says the Lord. So if your enemy is hungry, give him something to eat; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink, for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:17 to 21).

C/ Christian armor

To win the victory, the Christian must fight on several fronts: against his animal aspect which is attached to him, but also against Satan and his emissaries who excite his adamic nature in order to turn him away from Elohîm.

*"Moreover, my brothers, be strengthened in the Lord and in the power of his sovereign might. **Put on the full armor of Elohîm, so you can resist the wiles of the devil.** Because our struggle is not against blood and flesh, but against principalities, against authorities, against the lords of the world of darkness of this age, against the spirits of wickedness who are in heavenly places. Therefore **take the full armor of Elohîm, so that you can withstand in the evil day and, having accomplished everything, stand firm. Stand firm, then, girded with truth, clad in the breastplate of righteousness, your feet shod, ready for the Gospel of peace. Above all, take the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the fiery darts of the Bad. Take also the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of Elohîm.** Pray at all times in the Spirit, through all kinds of*

prayers and supplications, and see to it with all perseverance and pray about all the saints, and also for me so that, when I open my mouth, the word may be given to me to make known with assurance the mystery of the Gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, so that in it I may speak with assurance as I ought to speak." (Ephesians 6:10 to 20).

Anyone who wants to walk with Yehoshua must realize that he is also engaged in a struggle, since the devil has declared war on him. This is not a carnal adversary, but a spirit, so the battle is not carnal, but spiritual. So we must fight the good fight with spiritual weapons, avoiding the carnal attacks that bring distraction (Nehemyah 4; 1 Corinthians 9:26). And to this end, the Lord equips his children with spiritual armor.

1. *The belt of truth*

A belt is a band of leather or fabric around the waist to secure a garment.

By dying on the cross, Mashiah replaced our sin-stained garments (Yesha'yah 64:5) with a garment of righteousness (1 Corinthians 6:11; Apokalupsis 19:8). So that our nakedness (sin) no longer shows, the garment of righteousness must be held by the belt of truth. The walker must not lie, and at all times take a stand for the truthfulness of the Word, which is Yehoshua himself (Yohanan 14:6). This stance will certainly cause him additional struggles, but it's the only way to remain righteous before Elohim.

"He who wins the victory will be clothed in white garments, and I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels." (Apokalupsis 3:5).

The devil is the father of lies (Yohanan 8:44), and he is therefore the one who inspires all

the lying and seductive doctrines that lead so many people astray.

2. *The breastplate of righteousness*

Much more than just a piece of clothing, the breastplate is a piece of armor made of one or more pieces of metal or other rigid material, which protects the body from the neck down. Among other things, the breastplate protects the heart, the vital organ that must be preserved above all else, for it is from it that the sources of life spring (Mishlei 4:23).

Yehoshua said that many things can defile a person's heart, making it vulnerable to attack of the enemy: "*For it is from the heart that evil thoughts come out, murder, adultery, illicit sexual relations, theft, false witness, blasphemy.*" (Matthaios 15:19).

So the apostle Paulos urges us not to let these things settle in our hearts: "*Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and blasphemy, with all manner of malice be banished from among you.*" (Ephesians 4:31). All these bad feelings and thoughts must be firmly rejected in the name of Yehoshua Mashiah. Christians must remain in control of their feelings and emotions.

3. *Feet shod with the gospel of peace*

What must direct the Christian's steps is the Gospel, that is, the Word of Elohim, for it is this that lights our way towards his Kingdom. Though battled for the truth's sake, the child of the Lord who remains upright and faithful to the Heavenly Father's counsel will have peace that surpasses all understanding (Philippians 4:7). Without shoes, the Christian will never be able to reach his goal, for he will be constantly bitten by the snakes and scorpions in his path (Loukas 10:19).

4. The shield of faith

The shield is a hand-held defensive weapon used to protect against blows and dashes (from the Greek *belos*: "projectile", "dart", "javelin", "arrow", "dash"). Now, the enemy's features are "fiery ", so they're designed to pierce and burn us - that's how determined the devil is to destroy us!

Faith completes and reinforces the armor of justice. "*So faith comes from what we hear, and we hear by means of the word of Elohim.*" (Romans 10:17) tells us the apostle Paulos. Faith develops when the Christian seeks Elohim's intimate counsel. Having been enlightened, counseled and guided by the Lord, he will be able to continue his journey with confidence (Hebrews 11:1).

5. The helmet of salvation

The helmet is a part of the armor that protects the head, the seat of thought and reasoning. As we saw at the very beginning, the animal human being does not have the thought of Mashiah, while the carnal human being, although knowing it, does not take it into account. But he who is spiritual and walks with Elohim knows the mind of the Mashiah and lets himself be guided by it.

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty before Elohim, for the destruction of strongholds, we overthrow reasonings and every haughtiness that exalts itself against the knowledge of Elohim, and bringing every thought captive to the obedience of the Mashiah." (2 Corinthians 10:4 to 5).

Philosophies, religions and traditions have erected strongholds in people's minds that stand against the knowledge of the Mashiah. The helmet of salvation is designed to

preserve the Christian from their harmful action and keep his thoughts directed towards Mashiah and his Kingdom (1 Corinthians 2:2; Hebrews 11:13 to 16 and 12:1 to 2).

6. *The sword of the Spirit, the Word d'Elohîm*

The only offensive weapon, it is nonetheless formidably effective.

"For the word of Elohim is living and effective, and more penetrating than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow. And it judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from him, but all things are naked and fully revealed to him with whom we are dealing." (Hebrews 4:12 to 13).

When Christians use the Word, enlightened by the Spirit of Elohim, they are able to discern the enemy's plans and thus thwart them. The devil can't fool someone who knows the Word and listens to Elohim's advice.

Likewise, his servants, the false prophets, won't be able to resist a confrontation.

"For I will give you a mouth and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to contradict or resist." (Loukas 21:15).

7. *Prayer made by the Spirit*

The guidance of Elohim's Spirit makes all the difference between an effective prayer and one that won't be. Indeed, the Holy Spirit urges the disciple to pray according to Elohim's will, i.e. in accord with the plans the Lord has made for us (Romans 8:26 to 27; 1 Yohanan 5:14). Prayer being an exchange, it is naturally in this privileged moment that the Christian

is strengthened in the presence of Elohim and receives precise instructions to help him achieve the objectives assigned to him.

"Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Matthaios 26:41).

Prayer also enables the Christian to reach the goal while resisting sin, religion and the flesh. He must take his cue from Eliyah and Paulos, who faced their battles because they were men of prayer.

"Then Eliyah the Tishbiy, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab: YHWH, the Elohim of Israel, before whom I stand is alive! There will be neither dew nor rain in these years except on the word of my mouth." (1 Melakhim 17:1).

So Eliyah was able to confront Ahab because he stood before Elohim. As for Paulos, his life of fasting and prayer enabled him to stand firm in the face of the enemy's attacks.

"Often on journeys, in peril on rivers, in peril from robbers, in peril from those of my race, in peril among nations, in peril in cities, in peril in uninhabited regions, in peril on the sea, in peril among false brethren; in toil and in hard and difficult work, in frequent vigils, in hunger, in thirst, often in fasts, in cold and in nakedness." (2 Corinthians 11:26 to 27).

A child of the Lord must be very careful about distraction by managing his time properly. For, as the Word says, the days are bad (Ephesians 5:16).

As you can see, the Christian's armor is simply sanctification, without which it is

impossible to see Elohim (Hebrews 12:14).

"When a strong, well-armed man guards his sheepfold, this he owns is at peace. But after the one who is stronger than he was, and won the victory over him, takes off all the armor in which he trusts, and he shares his spoils. (...) When the impure spirit has left the human being, he goes through waterless places, looking for water to drink. rest. Finding none, he said: I will return to my house from which I came, and when he arrives he finds it swept and decorated. So he went away and took with him seven others spirits more wicked than he, and they enter and dwell there, so that the last condition of this human being is worse than the first." (Loukas 11:21 to 26).

We must therefore be well armed and fight to the end to keep our armor on, so that the flesh does not come dominate us again. Indeed, it is possible to lose weapons if we do not watch constantly (1 Corinthians 10:12). All these realities should motivate us to wage a merciless war against the flesh. Our eternity is at stake (Philippians 2:12).

"But we are not of those who withdraw to be lost, but of those who have faith for the gaining of their souls." (Hebrews 10:39).

D/ The death of the animal body

"For we know that if our earthly house, a tent, is destroyed, we have in heaven a building that comes from Elohim, an eternal house not made by the hand of man. For we also groan in this tent, longing to put on our dwelling which comes from heaven, since having been so clothed, we shall not be found naked. For we also who are in this tent groan, being burdened, because we desire, not to take off our garment, but to put on, so that what is

mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now the one who formed us for this is Elohîm, who gave us the pledge of the Spirit. Being therefore always full of confidence, and knowing that by dwelling in this body we are far from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. But we are full of courage and would rather be away from this body and dwell with the Lord." (2 Corinthians 5:1-8).

After leading a life of struggle against the flesh, the enemy and external temptations, death is a real deliverance for the Christian. Indeed, the solution that the Lord obtained at the cross to free human beings from their animality is complete. First, the spirit is resurrected. Then the soul is progressively transformed by the Holy Spirit within us. Finally, the body of sin returns to dust and Elohîm clothes us with a spiritual body, incorruptible, glorious and strong.

The last solution is to keep a child of the Kingdom in the hope of salvation. We must understand that the struggle we wage against ourselves will not be in vain, but that we will have our reward in heaven with Elohîm.

The disciple must realize that the path he has taken is without return. Indeed, if a Christian distances himself from the presence of Elohîm, his animality will grow stronger and stronger, to the point of becoming worse than before: *"For if, after having escaped the defilements of the world through the accurate and correct knowledge of the Lord and Savior Yehoshua Mashiah, they become entangled in them again and are overcome by them, their last condition is worse than the first." (2 Petros 2:20).*

CHAPTER 5

PURE AND IMPURE ANIMALS REPRESENTING HUMAN BEINGS

Between symbolism and tradition, over one hundred and fifty different animals are mentioned in the Scriptures. However, for Elohim, who sees human beings as beasts, there are only two main families: sheep and goats.

*"The thief comes only to steal, and kill and destroy. I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd gives his soul for his **sheep**."* (Yohanan 10:10 to 11).

*"And when the Son of man comes in his glory and accompanied by all the holy angels, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. And all nations will be gathered before him. And he will separate the one from the other, as the shepherd **separates the sheep from the goats**. And indeed, he will set the sheep on his right, and the goats on his left."* (Matthaios 25:31 to 33).

The term "beast" in the Bible refers to the state of a person who has no relationship with Elohim (Tehilim 73:22; 74:19). This type of creature cannot distinguish between good and evil; it is devoid of reason (2 Petros 2:12). This is why Elohim calls those who are not in Mashiah and whose souls are not regenerated by the Gospel "beasts". Now, there are pure beasts (lamb, dove, ewe, goat, ox, etc.) and impure beasts (snake, camel, mouse, rat, fox, scorpion, pig, dog, etc.).

This means that there are two types of human beings in the world: the pure (those purified by the blood of Yehoshua) and the impure. The chosen race and the race of vipers.

Now, thanks to the Lord, even animals considered impure can be purified by the blood of Yehoshua. We understand this through the vision of Petros recounted in Acts chapter 10 verses 9 to 20: *"And the next day, as they walked and approached the city, Petros went up on the roof, about the sixth hour, to pray. But he was hungry and wanted some food. But while it was being prepared, he fell into ecstasy. And he saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending upon it, like a great linen cloth, fastened by the four corners, which descended to the Earth, and in it were all the quadrupeds of the Earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and birds of the air. And a voice came to him: Petros, get up, kill and eat! But Petros says: By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything unclean or impure. And the voice said to him again for the second time: What Elohîm has made pure, you must not consider impure! And this happened up to three times, and the vessel was taken up again into heaven. But as Petros was perplexed within himself as to what the vision he had seen could mean, behold, the men sent by Kornelios, having inquired about the house of Shim'ôn, were standing at the door. And having called, they asked if Shim'ôn, surnamed Petros, was staying there. But as Petros pondered the vision, the Spirit said to him: Here are three men looking for you. But get up, go down and go with them without hesitation, because I'm the one who sent them."*

These animals represent the men and women of the nations converted to Mashiah. Kornelios, a military leader of Roman origin, was one of the animals sanctified by the blood of Yehoshua.

I/ IMPURE ANIMALS

A/ The dog

The dog does not have a good reputation in biblical writings. To be called a "dog" is even a very serious insult.

*" You shall not bring into the house of YHWH, your Elohim, **the wage of a prostitute, nor the price of a dog**, for any vow whatsoever, for both are an abomination before YHWH, your Elohim. "* (Devarim 23:19).

According to the Word of Elohim, the dog is an impure animal whose access to the Kingdom is forbidden. This means that individuals with a dog-like disposition will not enter heaven: *"But outside are dogs, and sorcerers, and fornicators, and murderers, and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood!"* (Apokalupsis 22:15).

This animal represents the people of the nations: *"And having departed from there, he went into the territory of Tyre and Sidon. And he went into a house, wanting no one to know, but he couldn't stay hidden. For a woman, whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit, having heard of him, came and fell at his feet. Now this woman was Greek, Syro-Phoenician by origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. But Yehoshua said to him: First let the children have their fill, for it is not reasonable to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs. But she answered and said to him: Yes, Lord! Because even small dogs eat the crumbs of small children under the table. And he said to him: Because of this word, go, the demon has gone out of your daughter. And going into her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed."* (Markos 7:24 to 30).

The dog also represents false workers: "*Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of maiming.*" (Philippians 3:2).

Like endless talkers, they are capable of losing a crowd (2 Timotheos 2:17). Their appearance gives the impression that you're dealing with people who have their hearts in their work. Yet they are far from the Word of truth, spreading heretical doctrines that keep people confused and divided. The Lord's flock must flee from such individuals.

1. The apostasy

*"For it was better for them not to have known the way of the justice, than to have known it and turn away from the holy commandment given to them. But what they say by a true proverb happened to them: **The dog returned to its own vomit, and the washed-up sow wallowed in the mire.**" (2 Petros 2:21 to 22).*

"As the dog returns to what he has vomited, so the fool repeats his folly " (Mishlei 26:11).

Thousands of Christians return to their pre-conversion lives. This apostasy, which has unfortunately taken hold in many assemblies, is characterized by the revival of false prophets who preach corrupt doctrines, increased sin, lack of love and abandonment of the faith.

"And then many will be scandalized, and will betray one another and hate one another." (Matthaios 24:10).

The verb "to scandalize", *scandalizo* in Greek, means "to make a person begin to distrust someone in whom he used to believe and obey". This implies that before the return of

the Mashiah, Christian leaders will fall into all kinds of sins (adultery, greed, homosexuality, pride) and will be an occasion of fall for thousands of faithful. These things can be seen right now. Many Christian pastors and musicians openly practice sin, swindle Elohim's people, divorce, etc., thus preventing non-believers from turning to him.

"But the brother will deliver his brother to death and the father his child. And the children will rise up against their parents and put them to death. And you will be hated by all for my Name's sake, but whoever bravely and calmly endures the abuse to the end, that one will be saved." (Matthaios 10:21 to 22).

How many "Christians" today leave their congregations criticizing the pastors who formed them and helped them grow in the faith? These shepherds, though sincere and true, are called sorcerers and magicians by people who have eaten and prayed with them.

"Even the man with whom I was at peace, who had my trust and ate my bread, raised his heel against me." (Tehilim 41:10).

Like Yehoshua Mashiah, Yehuda was the only apostle from Judea. Indeed, he was called Yehuda the Iscariot, as his name referred to "Karioth" a locality south of Yehuda ("Qerijoth" in the book of Yehoshua chapter 15 verse 25). The other apostles were Galileans: *"They were all surprised and in awe, saying to each other: Behold, are not all these who speak **Galileans**?"* (Acts 2:7). Yet it was Yehuda who betrayed the Lord (Matthaios 26:14 to 16).

2. Prostitution

One of the characteristics of the dog is therefore the abandonment of the true Elohim to attach oneself to another elohim. This prostitution is both spiritual (mixing sin with grace, or idolatry) and physical.

*"Do you not know that your bodies are the members of the Mashiah? Shall I take the members of the Mashiah and make them the members of a harlot? May this never happen! Or **don't you know that he who joins the prostitute becomes one body with her?** For it is said: The two will become one flesh. But he who joins the Lord is one spirit with him. Avoid illicit sexual relations. Every other sin that a human being commits is external to his body, but he who commits harlotry sins against his own body." (1 Corinthians 6:15 to 18).*

In this passage, "to join" means "to unite", "to have sexual relations with the prostitute". This includes worshipping pagan divinities, worshipping false elohim, having sexual relations not authorized by the Lord, etc. This is how the harlot woman of Apokalupsis chapter 17 seduces the whole world, uniting with humans through the cup of debauchery. Indeed, the enemy seeks to imitate the Lord when he offered the cup of the covenant to his disciples: *"And having taken the cup, he gave thanks, and said: Take it, and distribute it among yourselves. For I tell you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine until the Kingdom of Elohim has come. And taking bread and giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying: This is my body which is given for you. Do this in memory of me. In the same way he took the cup after supper and gave it to them, saying: **This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you.**" (Loukas 22:17 to 20).* By offering this cup to his disciples, the Lord enters into a covenant with them. This offering symbolizes the gift of one's life, communion and relationship with Elohim.

*"Isn't **the cup of blessing** that we bless the communion of the blood of the Mashiah? And is not the bread we break the communion of the body of the Mashiah?" (1 Corinthians 10:16).*

The enemy will also enter into a covenant with humans through the woman's cup of Apokalupsis chapter 17, so that they may be in communion with him, with his servants, with the Anti-Mashiah. Even now, we can see that a large number of pastors are fed by Freemasons, political leaders or Christians who are not in sanctification. They are bewitched and completely drunk on the wine of debauchery.

3. Voraciousness and insatiability

*" All his sentries are blind, they know nothing. They're all dumb dogs, unable to bark. They dream, lie in bed, like to doze. **These are dogs with a ferocious soul, they know no satiety.** They are shepherds who understand nothing. All turn to their own way, each to his own unjust gain, to the end: Come on, I'll get some wine, and we'll get drunk on strong drinks! Tomorrow will be like today, there's still plenty left! " (Yesha'yah 56:10 to 12).*

Voracity can be defined as the greed to eat or to satisfy a need. satisfy a need. Insatiability, on the other hand, is the inability to satisfy one's desires or needs. These two characteristics of the dog drive individuals to accumulate material possessions, steal, and destroy others in order to their possessions. Many world leaders and assemblies who want more and more mandates, power, money, women or men, cars, acclaim... are like dogs.

The seduction of earthly goods has taken hold of many Christians, who have given in to the lure of gain and greed. They have abandoned the simple way of life that the Lord

demands of his servants, to chase after the perishable riches of the Earth.

"But I fear that, as the serpent deceived Chavvah by his cunning, your thinking also will be corrupted by turning away from the simplicity that is in Mashiah." (2 Corinthians 11:3).

Because of all these characteristics, the Lord advises His children as follows: *"Don't give the holy things to the dogs, and don't cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet and turn and tear you to pieces."* (Matthaios 7:6).

3.1 Cynicism

Today, the cynicism, which was originally a philosophy, is understood as a "shameless disregard for propriety and opinion that leads to the blunt expression of principles contrary to morality and social norms" (Dictionary). The term comes from an ancient Greek word meaning "dog". Cynics sought to transgress the established order by behaving like dogs: urinating, defecating and masturbating in public, barking... like its best-known representative Diogenes of Sinope (-413 to -327 BC).

3.2 Cyanthropy

It's a mental illness in the zoopathic category (the sufferer thinks he's metamorphosed into an animal). Those suffering from this pathology are convinced that they have turned into a dog. He begins to adopt the dog's behavior: wandering on all fours, biting, barking...

B/ Pork

The pork is the most repugnant animal in Judaism. It is associated with obscenity.

Elohîm forbade the Hebrews to eat it, because it could endanger their health. According to some researchers, pork meat is a health hazard due to its high fat content. Its flesh may contain trichinae and intestinal worm parasites. In humans, their presence can evolve into trichinosis and prove fatal.

Like the dog, the pork is the image of apostate Christians: "*But what is said by a true proverb happened to them: The dog returned to its own vomit, and **the washed-up sow wallowed in the mire***" (2 Petros 2:22).

The pork represents the animality of the human being who delights in sin, defilement and compromise. He tramples holy things and makes war on those who love Elohîm.

The Lord forbids us to give holy things to swine: "*Don't give the holy things to the dogs, and don't cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet and turn and tear you to pieces.*" (Matthaios 7:6).

Diogenes syndrome

Let us note that the animality of some people leads them to adopt pork-like behavior in terms of their propensity to live in dirt. Diogenes syndrome is a mental illness, resulting in extreme neglect of personal and domestic hygiene, accumulation of objects and social isolation. Individuals suffering from this syndrome pile up garbage and live in excrement, sometimes their own and that of their pets.

Another case that has nothing to do with the syndrome: in 2011, in the USA, an obese man had to be rescued after literally merging with his chair. It was encrusted with urine, excrement and maggots. The man had spent two years there, and the fabric of the chair

had fused with his skin.

Animality has taken over!

C/ The serpent

"Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the beasts of the field that YHWH Elohim had made."(Bereshit 3:1).

The serpent of Bereshit chapter 3 verse 15 obviously represents Satan, the devil, the accuser of Yehoshua's children, also called "the elohim of this age" (Apokalupsis 12:7 to 12). The word "devil" comes from the Greek *diabolos*, meaning "slanderer", and Satan from the Hebrew *saw-tawn*, meaning "adversary". He is the author of slander and a formidable adversary to all those who wish to obey Yehoshua Mashiah.

Interestingly, in Pergamon, there was a serpent-shaped temple dedicated to Aesculapius, elohim of medicine. The Pergamum assembly represents all those in which the ancient serpent has taken its place.

Moreover, the Scriptures give examples of people who were real serpents, like Dan and the Pharisees: *"Dan shall be a serpent in the way, an adder in the path, biting the horse's heels, so that the rider falls backwards." (Bereshit 49:17). "Serpents, offspring of vipers! How will you avoid the torment of Gehenna?" (Matthaios 23:33).*

So one of the characteristics of people with a serpent's temper is their inability to edify others with their words: *"Progeny of vipers, how can you say good things, wicked as you*

are? For it is from the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks. The good human being draws good things from the good treasure of his heart, and the bad human being draws bad things from his bad treasure. But I tell you that on the Day of Judgment, human beings will give account for every idle word they have spoken. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned." (Matthaios 12:34 to 37).

Finally, the serpent is constantly changing its skin, suggesting a highly versatile and unstable character. Cunning, hypocrisy and wickedness are the hallmarks of human beings, whose animality makes them similar to serpents.

D/ The donkey

The donkey is an ambivalent animal. He's stubborn, but also humble and gentle. While the donkey is a beast of burden and a modest mount, it was the mount of kings, warriors and patriarchs. It is capable of carrying heavy and it's certainly because of this that he's often described as a figure of humility. Also, at the time his first coming, the Lord Yehoshua, who was in a deep entered Yerushalaim on a donkey, not a horse. As another example, Elohim used a donkey to stop the madness of the prophet Balaam (Bamidbar 22:21 to 30; 2 Petros 2:16). Nevertheless, according to Moshe's Torah, the donkey is an unclean animal.

*"The Angel of YHWH also said to him: Behold, you are with child and will bear a son, and you shall call his name Yishmael, for YHWH has heard your affliction. He'll be like a **wild donkey**. His hand will be against all, and the hand of all against him. And he shall dwell opposite all his brethren."* (Bereshit 16:11 to 12).

"Yissakar is a **strong donkey**, lying between the bars of the stables." (Bereshit 49:14).

E/ The fox

There are a few fox stories in the Scriptures. For example, when Shimshôn took three hundred foxes and tied them two by two by the tail and put a torch in the middle of the rope that bound them. He let them loose in the Philistine fields and set them on fire (Shoftim 15:4 to 5).

In Shir Hashirim chapter 2 verse 15 Shelomoh: "*Take from us the foxes, and the little foxes that ravage the vines, for our vines produce grapes*".

The Word of the Lord testifies against the false prophets and King Herod who manifested this nature: "*On that same day, some Pharisees approached him, saying: Get out of here, because Herod wants to kill you. And he said to them: Go and tell **that fox**: Behold, I cast out demons and perform healings today and tomorrow, and on the third day I am fulfilled.*" (Loukas 13:31 to 32).

"*Israel, your prophets have been like **foxes** in the places left in ruins.*" (Yehezkel 13:4).

Deceit, hypocrisy, thievery and speed are the attributes of the fox.

F/ The wolf

The wolf is the most dangerous enemy of flocks and their shepherds (Yohanan 10:11 to 12). In the Scriptures, he represents false prophets, false teachers and false brethren who disguise themselves as sheep and break into assemblies in order to deceive and destroy

believers (Matthaios 7:15; Acts 20:29).

1. The princes and chiefs of Israel

"Her princes are in the midst of her like wolves that ravish the prey, to shed blood and to destroy souls, to indulge in unjust gain." (Yehezkel 22:27).

"Her leaders in her midst are roaring lions, and her judges are evening wolves who do not keep the bones to gnaw on in the morning." (Tsephanyah 3:3).

2. False teachers, false prophets and false brethren

*"But beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly, **they are ravening wolves.**" (Matthaios 7:15).*

"For this I know: that after my departure there will enter among you ruthless wolves who will not spare the flock. " (Acts 20:29).

3. People of the world

"Behold, I send you out like sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be cautious as serpents, and unmixed as doves." (Matthaios 10:16).

4. Lycanthropy

Lycanthropy is a term derived from the Greek word for wolf-man, and refers to a mental illness in which the sufferer is convinced that he or she has been transformed into a wolf.

In the 16th century, the Inquisition not only hunted witches, but werewolves too. This is how Gilles Garnier, a cannibalistic serial killer, was burned alive on January 18, 1574 after

devouring four children. At his trial, he explained that one day, while desperately hunting game to support his household, a ghost suggested that he change into an animal to find his food more easily. He had chosen to transform himself into a wolf.

Today, this illness is considered a symptom of other pathologies such as schizophrenia or certain drug-induced psychoses. Lycanthropic delirium can take the form of nocturnal howling, hunting animals to eat them alive, or violent acts such as cannibalism.

II/ PURE ANIMALS

A/ The dove

The dove represents gentleness, purity and innocence.

"Behold, I send you out like sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be cautious as serpents, and unmixed as doves." (Matthaios 10:16).

This bird is mentioned in several passages of the Bible. For example, in Bereshit chapter 8 verses 1 to 14, the dove released by Noah announced the end of the flood. She had brought him an olive branch as proof that the water level had fallen. But also in the book of Shir Hashirim, where Shelomoh calls "*his bride, his dove, his perfect one*" (Shir Hashirim 5:2; 6:9).

B/Lamb or ewe

In the Scriptures, the lamb is a symbol of innocence, peace purity of candor and justice. Under Moshe, the lamb was the animal most often required for sacrifices.

Yehoshua is the Lamb of Elohim who takes away the sin of the world: "*The next day Yohanan saw Yehoshua coming to him, and he said: Behold the Lamb of Elohim who takes away the sin of the world.*" (Yohanan 1:29).

The ewe represents Elohim's child, owned by the Shepherd. He will do anything to find the lost one and bring her back to him, even laying down his life for her.

"What man among you, if he has 100 sheep and loses one of them doesn't leave the 99 in the desert and go looking for the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he finds it, he happily puts it on his shoulders and, returning home, he called his friends and neighbors and says to them: Rejoice with me, because I have found my lost sheep. I tell you, there will be even more joy in heaven for one sinner who repents than for the 99 righteous who need no repentance." (Loukas 15:4 to 7).

C/ Fish

In the Word, fish is a sign of abundance and blessing. Yehoshua fed crowds with fish and bread on several occasions.

For early Christians, the fish was the symbol of the acrostic *Ichtus* (ΙΧΘΥΣ), which in ancient Greek means "fish".

Petros even caught a fish with a coin in its mouth, so that he could pay the tax (didrachmas) to those who demanded it (Matthaios 17:24 to 27). This was the second time a fish had been placed at Elohim's service, carrying in its bosom what the Lord had commanded. The first time, it was to take the prophet Yonah to Nineveh. (Yonah 2:1 to

11).

CONCLUSION

The list of people who can be characterized as animals is not exhaustive. Yehuda and Naphtali are also examples: "*Yehuda is a young lion. You've risen from the prey, my son! He knelt, he lay down like a lion, like a lioness: Who will raise him up?*" (Bereshit 49:9).

"Naphtali is a doe on the loose. He gives words of kindness." (Bereshit 49:21).

Through these examples, we understand that the animality of individuals does not manifest itself in the same way in all humans. Indeed, the apostle Paulos presents us with several works of the flesh in Galatians chapter 5. Although these works are present in the flesh of all human beings, we don't all have the same weaknesses. So those with a serpent's temper have a problem with slander, and dogs and pigs are sensitive to material goods and false doctrines.

Sometimes animality manifests itself in certain character traits, other times animality even takes over humanity and results in extreme violence.

So what would happen if sinful nature dominated humans in all its power? Is it possible?

The case of wild children can give us the beginnings of an answer. The term "wild child" refers to children who have been raised by animals. When they were discovered, they were naked, walking on all fours, eating raw meat and vegetables, unable to speak, but with highly developed senses. Animal nature had taken over to enable these children to

survive in a wild world. So, depending on the context in which we live, human animality manifests itself in different ways. In a "civilized" setting, it manifests itself in certain character traits, but law (divine or human) and morality limit these traits. Indeed, the fear of social exclusion forces individuals to contain their animal nature and not commit certain acts that would lead them straight to prison. In a wilderness setting, however, it's fully apparent.

And under the reign of the Beast? Animality will manifest itself in all its extremes. So it's not surprising that the Lord said: "*For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will be.*" (Matthaios 24:21).

The Anti-Mashiah system, already in place, is gradually preparing human beings to give free rein to their animality through ungodly laws and culture. So when he appears, he will have under his control a people willing to perpetrate massacres of all kinds, because this people will be of the same nature as him.

PART TWO
THE ANIMALITY OF
LEADERS

INTRODUCTION

As we have seen, human animality is more readily expressed when legislation and culture do not condemn it, but seek to facilitate its expression.

Indeed, we note that the vast majority of the world's leaders have pledged their allegiance to Satan and are therefore working in his interests: the establishment of a single government headed by the two beasts (the Anti-mashiah and the false prophet) from Apokalupsis chapter 13.

CHAPTER 1

THE ANIMALITY OF LEADERS OF NATIONS

The animality of the world's rulers comes to the fore when they set out to build gigantic empires stretching across the whole Earth. This ambition, inspired by Nimrod, the first man to attempt to set up a world government, has generated and continues to generate a great deal of violence. In fact, these conquests were carried out at the expense of the population: millions of people were executed, children's throats were slit, entire families were broken...

Beyond any desire for expansion, the animality of rulers is also revealed through their domination of the people: *"But Yehoshua called them and said to them: You know that the rulers of the nations rule over them as masters, and the great ones make their authority felt."* (Matthaios 20:25).

All this is not surprising when you consider that nations are ruled by very savage animal spirits that drive populations to commit all kinds of barbarities: murder, rape, theft, etc.

In this sense, Daniye'l and Yohanan had visions about the spirits that rule the nations.

I/ THE PROPHETIC DREAM OF DANIYE'L

The world has seen four great empires, whose emperors had the same goal as their predecessor Nimrod: the establishment of world government.

According to the dream of the prophet Daniye'l, these first four powers were represented

by wild beasts. His vision should be compared with that of Nebuchadnezzar on the great statue symbolizing the same succession of kingdoms: *"You, king, looked, and behold a great statue. This statue was large and of extraordinary splendor. It was standing in front of you and its appearance was frightening. This statue's head was made of the finest gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of copper, its legs of iron and its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. You were looking at it, until a stone came loose without the aid of a hand, struck the statue's iron and clay feet and shattered them. Then the iron, the clay, the copper, the silver and the gold were shattered together and became like the chaff of the threshing floor in summer, which the wind carries hither and thither, and no trace of it was ever found again. But the stone that had struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. That's the dream. We'll interpret it in front of the king. King, you are the king of kings, because the Elahh of heaven has given you the kingdom, power, strength and glory. He has given into your hands, wherever they live, the children of men, the beasts of the field and the birds of the air, and he has made you ruler over them all. You're the one with the golden head. But after you, another kingdom will arise, lesser than yours, then another kingdom, a third that will be made of copper and will dominate the whole Earth. There will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron. Just as iron breaks and crushes everything, so it will break and crush everything, like iron that tears everything to pieces. Since you saw that the feet and toes were part potter's clay and part iron, this kingdom will be divided, but there will be something of the strength of iron in it, because you saw iron mixed with potter's clay. The toes were partly iron and partly clay. This kingdom will be part strong, part fragile. Since you have seen iron mixed with potter's clay, they will be mixed with human seed, but they will not be united with each other just as iron does not mix with clay."* (Daniye'l 2:31 to 43).

Nebuchadnezzar's empire was reflected in the vision of the four animals, with one

important difference: Nebuchadnezzar saw the outward power and splendor of the nations' times, while Daniye'l perceived the true character of the nations' rulers, greedy and warlike, establishing and maintaining themselves by force.

A/ The lion

First Empire: Babylon (Nebuchadnezzar)

"The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched it until its wings were torn off. It was lifted from the earth and made to stand on its feet like a human being, and a human being's heart was given to it." (Daniye'l 7:4).

The Babylonian Empire, the lion or golden head on Nebuchadnezzar's statue, extended its dominion from 627 to 539 BC. In every period of its history, this kingdom has experienced a duality between political and religious power. A duality that the Bible reveals in its first book (Bereshit), its last book (Apokalupsis), but also in its central part. It was in Chaldean Babylon that Nebuchadnezzar, then at the height of his power, pretended to be Elohîm and forced his subjects to worship him. It was then that he received the heart of an animal: *"Let his human heart be changed, and let a beast's heart be given to him, and let seven times pass over him!" (Daniye'l 4:13).*

Like Nebuchadnezzar, many leaders have animal hearts instead of human hearts. The way they govern and behave reveals their inner state. Among them, some have adopted shameful sexual practices such as zoophilia, pedophilia, necrophilia, incest, polygamy, and many other unnatural sexual relationships. Some even consume human blood.

*"But he said to them: What comes out of the human being is what makes the human being impure. **For from within, from the human heart,** come evil thoughts, adultery, illicit sexual relations, murder, theft, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, unbridled lust, the wicked eye, blasphemy, pride, folly. All these evil things come out from within and make the human being unclean." (Markos 7:20 to 23).*

B/ The bear

Second empire: Media (Darius) and Persia (Cyrus)

"And here's another beast, a second one, like a bear. It stood on one side, with three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. We used to say to it: Arise, eat much flesh!" (Daniye'l 7:5).

This beast, and the chest and arms of the great statue of Nebuchadnezzar, represent the Medo-Persian empire that succeeded the Babylonian empire from 538 to 331 BC. It was a dual monarchy, with the Medes ruling at first, only to give way to the Persians at a later date. The "three ribs" represent the nations of Babylon, Lydia and Egypt, which were conquered by this empire.

C/ The leopard

Third empire: Greece (Alexander the Great)

"After this I looked, and behold another beast, like a leopard. It had on its back four wings of a bird, and this beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it." (Daniye'l 7:6).

This beast, and the large statue's copper belly and thighs, refer to the Greek Empire (331

-146 BC).

Alexander the Great defeated the Persians, but when he died, his kingdom was divided into four parts represented by the four heads of the animal: Macedonia, Thrace, Syria and Egypt. The notion of speed that characterizes the leopard (Habakkuk 1:8) is intensified by the addition of the four wings. Similarly, the idea of domination is amplified by the presence of the four heads. The number four symbolizes universality. This kingdom was distinguished by the speed of its conquests.

D/ The fourth beast

Fourth empire: Rome (Caesar)

"After that, I looked into my night visions, and behold, there was a fourth beast, frightening, terrible and extraordinarily strong. It had big iron teeth. It ate, broke and trampled what was left. It was different from all previous beasts and had ten horns." (Daniye'l 7:7).

The kingdom referred to in this passage is the Roman Empire. The intensity of its hold is marked by the rhythm of three. To the three verbs conjugated in the present tense used in chapter 2 of Daniye'l: "break", "ruptures" and "puts everything in pieces", answer three adjectives: "terrible, dreadful and extraordinarily strong", or three other verbs conjugated in the future tense: "devour, trample and break" in Daniye'l chapter 7. It was with iron teeth that this empire carried out its destructive operations. Rome dominated the entire Mediterranean and the western part of Europe. Its expansion began long before the establishment of the empire, and reached its zenith under Emperor Trajan with the

conquest of Dacia (now Romania) in 106 AD. At its territorial peak, the empire controlled approximately 5 million km² and had a population of 88 million. Rome's influence on the culture, laws, technology, governments, arts, language and even religion of the civilizations that followed it persists to this day.

The end of the Western Roman Empire is traditionally dated September 4, 476, when Emperor Romulus Augustulus was dispossessed by Odoacre. After Diocletian divided the empire, each group continued to be known as the Roman Empire. The western part declined and disappeared during the fifth century. The Eastern Roman Empire, which adopted Greek as its official language, is known as the Byzantine Empire. It preserved Hellenic legal and cultural traditions for a thousand years until its defeat by the Ottoman Empire in 1453.

The Roman Empire thus lasted from 27 B.C. to 476 for the western part and 1453 for the eastern part.

II/ THE BEAST FROM THE SEA

"And I stood upon the sand of the sea. And I saw, rising from the sea a beast with seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten diadems, and on his heads a name of blasphemy. And the beast I saw was like a leopard, and its feet like a bear, and its mouth like a lion's mouth. And the dragon gave him his power, and his throne, and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as if wounded to death, but his mortal wound was healed. And all the Earth stood in awe behind the beast. And they worshipped the dragon who had given authority to the beast, and they worshipped the beast, saying: Who is like the beast and who can fight against him? And he was given a mouth that uttered great

things and blasphemies, and he was also given power to act for 42 months. And he opened his mouth to blaspheme against Elohîm, to blaspheme His Name and His tabernacle, and those who pitch their tents in heaven. And it was given to him to make war on the saints and win victory over them. He was also given authority over every tribe, language and nation. And they will worship him, all who dwell on earth, whose names have not been written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If anyone has an ear, let him hear. If someone takes captive, he goes captive. If someone kills by the sword, he himself must be killed by the sword. This is the perseverance and faith of the saints." (Apokalupsis 13:1 to 10).

A/ An individual and a system

This Beast represents two realities: the Fourth Empire and the Ante-Mashiah.

1. A system

The dictionary defines the term system as a means, a plan used to obtain a result. The Anti-Mashiah system is therefore based on a plan designed to achieve a specific goal. It consists of a set of laws, programs and organizations. It is represented by the fourth empire, imperial Rome, which officially came to an end in 1453, but which is to be restored according to biblical prophecy. Indeed, the verb "to heal" used in Apokalupsis chapter 13 verse 3 means "to restore to its original condition". We understand that the empire that human beings are currently rebuilding is the empire of iron and clay of Nebuchadnezzar's dream. This peculiarity, the toes half-clay (the apostate assembly inspired by the Vatican), half-iron (the restored Roman Empire, i.e. Europe (Daniye'l 2:41)) gives the feeling that these two entities appear united, but in reality they are not. Indeed, the apostle Yohanan reveals in Apokalupsis chapter 17 verses 15 to 18 that the Beast

(iron) will eat the flesh of the harlot (clay. the Vatican). Biblical prophecies concerning this New World Order are indeed being fulfilled before our very eyes. In time, the nations will submit to a single government, of global stature, which will be dominated by the beast of Apokalupsis chapter 13 reigning over the fourth empire (political Babylon and religious Babylon) that will extend over the whole Earth. This beast is the synthesis of the four beasts of Daniye'l chapter 7.

But the Anti-Mashiah system is not limited to world government. Indeed, from the transgression of the first couple, Satan established his system, that of sin, to drive humans to rebel against Elohim through disobedience to His Word. He also uses the beast rising from the earth and his religious system to veil the Lord's children, so that they cannot detect his works. The false assembly includes the mixture of all religions, whether they claim to be linked to Christianity or not (including the Roman Catholic Church, the Evangelical Church, the Pentecostal Church, the Protestant Church, the Assemblies of God, ...) which have served as the anchor point for this system. But also all the false servants of Elohim (pastors, apostles, prophets...) who are shameless, liars, thieves... This beast proceeds by establishing human government in assemblies, i.e. a system based on the appearance of piety like clericalism or legalism. And by opposing the Word of Elohim, with a false gospel that glorifies the Anti-Mashiah. The vast majority of today's assemblies are controlled by Satan. Elohim said to the assembly in Pergamum: "*I know your works and **where you dwell, where Satan's throne is.***" (Apokalupsis 2:13). His aim is to get Christians to worship him. "*(...) **he goes so far as to sit as Elohim in the temple of Elohim showing himself as Elohim.***" (2 Thessalonians 2:4). Indeed, the temple also refers to the Christian heart.

2. An individual

The Anti-Mashiah is a human being with a spirit, a soul and a physical body that constitutes Lucifer's dwelling place. Just as Christians are the temple of the Holy Spirit. He's a very influential man, a master of oratory: "*And there was given to him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and there was also given to him power to act for 42 months.*" (Apokalupsis 13:5).

"*For the apostasy must first come and be revealed **the man of sin, the son of perdition, the adversary** and the one who is against all that we call Elohim or he goes so far as to sit as Elohim in the temple of Elohim showing himself to be Elohim.*" (2 Thessalonians 2:3 to 4).

The Anti-Mashiah concentrates within itself the paroxysm of bestiality. Indeed, Paulos describes him as the man of sin, meaning that he is an individual who loves, practices and encourages sin. He is also the son of perdition. This personification allows us to understand that perdition is the father of the Anti-Mashiah, and therefore its source. This implies that this system pushes souls to perdition. The beast is also the adversary or opponent. This term comes from Greek *antikeimai*, meaning "against". It is opposed firstly to Elohim Himself, to everything that exalts the Lord and to all those who claim to be from the Creator.

B/ The coming of the beast

The time is ripe and ripening for the coming of the Anti-Mashiah. Indeed, the word advent comes from the Greek *parousia*, meaning "presence". Remember that there are two coming events: that of Yehoshua, awaited by all the true children of Elohim, and that of

the godless man. Paulos asserts that before there is the visible return of Yehoshua, there must first be that of the Anti-Mashiah. He encourages the Thessalonians not to let themselves be seduced, because seduction will become widespread both in the world and in so-called Christian assemblies. The Christians of Thessalonica had already been seduced by false teachings. Paulos insists that apostasy, i.e. defection, abandonment of the faith, must come first.

C/ The destruction of his empire

Nebuchadnezzar's dream prophetically describes the succession of the various universal empires and their final destruction by Mashiah. Indeed, the stone mentioned in Daniye'l chapter 2 verse 34 symbolizes the Lord who will irretrievably destroy the fourth empire, i.e. the international edifice in its final form. After this destruction, the stone will become a great mountain, the Messianic kingdom referred to in Miykayah chapter 4 verses 1 to 5: *"But it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the house of YHWH shall be established on the top of the mountains. It will rise above the hills, and all nations will flock to it. And many nations will go and say: Come and let us go up to the mountain of YHWH, to the house of Yaacov's Elohim! He will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths. For the torah will go forth from Zion, and the word of YHWH from Yerushalaim. He will judge in the midst of many peoples; he will rebuke powerful and distant nations. Their swords will be forged into battle-axes, their spears into pruning hooks: nation will no longer raise sword against nation, war will no longer be learned. Every man will sit under his vine and under his fig tree, and there will be no one to frighten them, for the mouth of YHWH Tsevaot has spoken. Yes, all peoples walk, each man in the name of his elohim, but we walk in the Name of YHWH, our Elohim, forever and ever."*

III/ WAR: A CONSEQUENCE OF LEADERS' ANIMALITY

Elohîm's laws, notably those set out in the Ten Commandments, are supposed to enable human beings to behave in a way that sets them apart from animals. While animals are allowed to kill, steal and have multiple sexual partners, Elohîm does not want the being he created in his image to behave in this way. Unfortunately, as the rulers of the world are controlled by bestial spirits, those under their authority, and not Elohîm's, are also controlled by these spirits. The main consequence of the animality of the leaders who are under the domination of the beast, is the will to change the times and the torah: "*He will speak words against the Most High, he will harass the saints of Elyown, he will intend to change the times and the law, and they will be delivered into his hands for a time, times, and half a time.*" (Daniye'l 17: 25). This is why the ruling elites are passing more and more anti-mashiah laws, which give free rein to bestiality. Euthanasia, abortion, child marriage, same-sex marriage... combined with a godless culture of music, film and literature, these laws make human beings increasingly self-centered and insensitive to the suffering of others. For example, every year, 10 million children under the age of five die from malnutrition and related diseases. Yet at the same time, tons of food are wasted. Today, the food crisis caused by rising commodity prices is killing 25,000 people a day. In this context, this macabre phenomenon will spread to hundreds of millions of people in the years to come. All over the world, demonstrations - sometimes turning into riots, as was the case in Haiti - are being organized to denounce the dizzying rise in food prices. West Africa is particularly hard hit by famine: "hunger demonstrators" in Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Senegal and Côte d'Ivoire are making their distress heard in the streets. Egypt, where bread had become a luxury item, had to ban the export of certain foodstuffs and reserve them for its agricultural industry.

According to the United Nations, world food prices in May 2022 were almost 30% higher than in 2021. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) notes an average index of 16.9% for dairy products and 27.2% for cereals in 2021 compared to 2020. Projections do not foresee any improvement in the short term.

These elites not only cause famine, some even behave like animals in the jungle, refusing to share their spoils and power. They come to power through violence, and stay in power through violence. They exercise a veritable dictatorship over their citizens, and do not hesitate to execute those who dare to oppose their plans. A dictatorship is a political or religious regime characterized by a form of arbitrary, authoritarian power totally subject to the will of those who govern. In this type of regime, a single person, group or party will concentrate all the power without any possibility of control. The true meaning of politics is therefore distorted by leaders dominated by their animal side. In fact, the term politics, which comes from the Greek *polis*, refers to the Greek city. It's an entirely independent community of citizens, sovereign over the citizens who make it up, cemented by cults and governed by laws passed by the *ekklesia* (an assembly or citizens). Today, citizens' interests are relegated to second place. For these leaders do not hesitate to wage wars in which millions of civilians are sacrificed, in order to increase their influence and authority on Earth. That's why we're waiting for the true city, the one Elohîm built, the heavenly Yeroushalaim.

A/ Wars, the consequences of human greed

Many heads of state, because of their greed for the goods possessed by certain countries, organize and create unrest with the aim of plundering them.

"But you will hear of wars and rumors of wars: take care not to be troubled, for all these things must come to pass. But it won't be the end just yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in divers places." (Matthaios 24:6 to 7). Ever since Yehoshua spoke these words over 2,000 years ago, the Earth has been shaken by war, despite human efforts to establish peace.

Here are just a few examples:

- The Wars of Religion, which claimed millions of victims, particularly during the Inquisition;
- The war of 1870 cost the lives of nearly 200,000 people;
- The First World War, which claimed more than 9 million lives;
- The Second World War, which caused some 60 million deaths;
- The Algerian war, with more than 250,000 deaths;
- The Vietnam War, with over a million dead;
- The Gulf War, which claimed more than 103,000 lives;
- The Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which claims more victims every day
- The current war in Ukraine, which has already claimed thousands of lives.

It is therefore impossible to find peace in this world, since wars are in reality the outward manifestations of human animality.

B/ The example of the war in Congo DRC

The war that has been bloodying the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) for almost 26 years has its origins in the genocide that took place in Rwanda in 1994. On April 6, 1994,

the plane carrying the Hutu president Habyarimana was shot down in mid-air. In retaliation, natives of his ethnic group lashed out at the Tutsis accused of being responsible for the attack. In the space of three months, between 800,000 and 1 million people (men, women and children) were decimated by machetes, becoming the victims of one of the 20th century's most serious genocides.

The massacre was finally halted, thanks in no small part to the RPF (Rwandan Patriotic Front) led by Paul Kagame, who organized a response commensurate with the violence committed from Uganda. The genocidaires, finding themselves hunted down, took refuge in Zaire (now the DRC), more precisely in the Kivu region, where they formed the FDLR (Forces Démocratiques de Libération du Rwanda). Fearing reprisals at home, nearly two million Rwandan Hutus soon moved into the region. Determined to eradicate the Hutu threat once and for all, the RPF also crossed the border in 1996, killing hundreds of refugees along the way.

1. First Congo War (1996-1997)

In 1996, the vice-governor of South Kivu province ordered all Rwandans in the region to leave Zaire on pain of death. But the latter resisted and allied themselves with the AFDL (Alliance des Forces Démocratiques pour la Libération du Zaïre), a local movement made up of Rwandan, Ugandan and Rwandan-speaking Congolese soldiers of Tutsi origin who were involved in the downfall of Zaire's President Mobutu in 1997. Power passed to Laurent Désiré Kabila, and Zaire became the Democratic Republic of Congo. However, the violence did not subside - quite the contrary. The AFDL, thirsting for revenge, attacked not only the former "Hutu Power" militiamen responsible for the Tutsi genocide in Rwanda, but also and above all a large number of innocent civilians, many of them women and children.

2. Second Congo War (1998-2003)

President Kabila wanted to seize the abundant mineral wealth in the east of the country, but this was controlled by his erstwhile allies Uganda and Rwanda, who were quick to retaliate on August 2, 1998. Kivu came under Rwandan authority, while the DRC was divided.

However, Kabila was able to count on the interested support of other African countries such as Zimbabwe, Angola, Namibia, Libya, Chad and even Burundi (officially in the opposing camp), which were keen to benefit from the immense wealth that lies in the soil of the Katanga province: uranium, coltan, diamonds... to name but a few.

Thus, the reasons for the war in the Congo were no longer based solely on inter-ethnic antagonism, but also on the plundering of its natural resources. The conflict involved a number of African countries, as well as some thirty armed groups, bringing together Rwandan and Congolese Hutus, Burundian rebels, various militias and indigenous people defending their land.

3. Non-compliance with peace agreements and ineffectiveness of UN

The peace agreement signed in Lusaka in July 1999 remained ineffective. It wasn't until Joseph Kabila came to power, following his adoptive father's murder, that two new agreements were signed in 2002 (the first between Rwanda and the DRC, and the second between Uganda and the DRC). The conflict began to slow down.

To ensure compliance with the Lusaka agreement, the UN Security Council dispatched a contingent called MONUSCO (Mission de l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour la Stabilisation en République Démocratique du Congo) to oversee the disarmament of local

militias. While the war is officially over, in reality the bloodshed continues, raising questions about UN's powerlessness to enforce order in this country.

4. Review and testimonials

The DRC has been on fire for more than two decades, but it's clear that the media of the major Western powers aren't very interested. Yet this conflict is one of the deadliest since the Second World War. Indeed, the figures reveal the atrocity and scale of this extraordinary tragedy:

- More than 12 million dead;
- More than 500,000 rapes committed against women and children;
- 4 million displaced...

Child soldiers

During the first Congo war, child soldiers made up around 60% of combatants in the conflict zone. Forced, manipulated and traumatized, 22,000 of them are thought to have taken part in the fighting since the beginning of the conflict. The testimony of their ordeal is simply appalling. Like that of a former child soldier abducted at the age of 13: *"When they came to my village, they asked my older brother if he was ready to join the militia. He was just 17 and said no; they shot him in the head. Then they asked me if I wanted to sign up, so what could I do? I didn't want to die."*

Or Serge Amisi, former child soldier in the Democratic Republic of Congo: *" I had become a killing machine. We no longer mourned the dead, because there were so many of them. There was no medicine to treat bullet wounds, and no plaster to heal fractures. The wounds were starting to rot, so we amputated arms and legs, using a power saw, without anesthetic."*

IV/ THE CRESTS OR EMBLEMS OF NATIONS

Each nation has its own crest, some with an animal image. Each of these animals symbolizes both the spirit that dominates this country and the distinctive character of its people. There's a kind of conscious or unconscious pact between the spirits of these animals and these countries. These beasts are under the authority of the Beast of Apokalupsis chapter 13 verses 1 to 8, which is at once a leopard, a lion and a bear. It inspires world leaders to adopt its multiple images for their respective nations.

*" and changed the glory of incorruptible Elohim into the likeness of the image of corruptible human beings, and **the birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.**"*
(Romans 1:23).

" And it was given to him to give a spirit to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would speak, and cause all who would not worship the image of the beast to be put to death." (Apokalupsis 13:15).

Here are the emblems of some nations:

<p>United States: The eagle</p>	
<p>Russia : <i>The two-headed eagle and the horse</i></p>	
<p>Ivory Coast : <i>The elephant, the bull and the horse</i></p>	

<p>China : <i>The dragon</i></p>	
<p>Australia : <i>The kangaroo</i></p>	
<p>Great Britain : <i>The lion and the unicorn</i></p>	
<p>France : <i>The rooster</i></p>	
<p>RD Congo : <i>The leopard</i></p>	

<p>Israel : <i>The hoopoe</i></p>	 The image shows the cover of a book titled "Birds of Israel". The central illustration is a hoopoe bird in flight, with its wings spread, showing a distinctive black and white pattern on the upper wing. The bird is set against a textured, light brown background. The title "Birds of Israel" is written in a simple, sans-serif font in the lower-left corner of the cover.
<p>India : <i>the lion</i></p>	 The image shows the cover of a book titled "INDIA". The central illustration is the Lion Capital of Ashoka, a four-lion sculpture. The sculpture is rendered in a detailed, black-and-white line-art style. Below the sculpture, the word "INDIA" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The background of the cover is a mix of yellow and green watercolor-like washes.

CHAPTER 2

THE ANIMALITY OF LEADERS OF ASSEMBLIES

All paganized assemblies and world religions are led by the Beast mentioned in Apokalupsis chapter 13 verses 11 to 18. Indeed, most assemblies are led by snake-like preachers whose mission is to bite and strip Elohim's children. This is why the Lord calls these shepherds beasts deprived of reason: *"But they, like beasts devoid of reason, governed by natural instincts, born for capture and corruption, speaking blasphemously of what they do not know, they will be corrupted by their own corruption."* (2 Petros 2:12).

Also, Yohanan the Baptist and the Lord Yehoshua Mashiah called the religious leaders of their day a race of vipers. He was referring to their hypocritical nature: *"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you go through sea and land to make a proselyte, and when he has become one, you make him a son of hell twice as bad as you."* (Matthaios 23:15).

I/ THE BEAST RISING FROM THE EARTH

"And I saw another beast rising from the Earth. And he had two horns like the Lamb's, but he spoke like the dragon. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the Earth and those who inhabit it to worship the first beast, whose mortal wound has been healed. And he produces great signs, even to the point of bringing fire down from heaven to earth before human beings. And he leads astray those who dwell on the Earth because of the signs he was given to produce before the beast, telling those who dwell on the Earth to make an image of the beast who was wounded by the sword and came back to life. And it was given to him to give a spirit to the image of the beast, so

that the image of the beast might speak, and cause all those who would not worship the image of the beast to be put to death. And he makes all, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, be given a mark on their right hand or forehead. And let no one buy or sell, except he who has the mark, or the name of the beast or the number of his name. Here is wisdom: Let him who has understanding count the number of the beast, for it is a human number. And his number is 666." (Apokalupsis 13:11 to 18).

A/ A system and an individual

" And I saw another beast rising from the Earth..."

Like the first beast, this beast rising from the Earth represents both a system and an individual. This is the religious Babylon that has always fought the Lord's children. And the individual who manages this system is the false prophet, i.e. the leader of the globalist religion.

This beast, represented by the clay feet of Nebuchadnezzar's statue, rises from the Earth. This means it's terrestrial. Indeed, the false church is not celestial like Yehoshua's Ekklesia. Its members are citizens of the world, while true believers are citizens of heaven. That's why they only talk about things that concern the earth: money, material possessions, the prosperity gospel and everything that emphasizes appearances. And if money occupies their thoughts, it's because this beast controls the world of finance, since it is said: *"let no one buy or sell, except he who has the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name"*. So they only think about worldly things and they talk to those who understand worldly talk: *"They're part of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world listens to them."* (1 Yohanan 4:5). Now the words of this beast are those of a dragon,

while he has horns like that of the lamb. This means he dresses up and puts the emphasis on appearance. But when he opens his mouth, it is his dragon heart that speaks, for it is from the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks (Matthaios 12:34).

"But beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inside they are ravening wolves. You'll recognize them by their fruit. Do you pick grapes from thorns or figs from thistles? So every good tree produces good fruit, but the rotten tree produces bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a rotten tree produce good fruit. Any tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. So you will know them by their fruits." (Matthaios 7:15 to 20).

These false prophets, wolves in sheep's clothing, are recognizable by their fruit, not by their gifts or power. Indeed, we must be careful, for in order to mislead people, this beast is capable of producing false miracles and manifestations of the Spirit: *"And he leads astray those who dwell on the earth because of the signs he was given to produce before the beast..."* This is why we must not be impressed by miracles, but test the spirits to find out if they are truly from Elohîm.

"For the Jew is not he who has the appearance of one, and circumcision is not that which is apparent, in the flesh. But the Jew is the one who is in secret, and circumcision is that of the heart, according to the Spirit and not according to the letter; whose praise comes not from humans, but from Elohîm." (Romans 2:28-29).

In this passage, Paulos denounces formalism, the appearance of piety, which therefore corresponds to the sheep's clothing worn by false brothers. They're exactly like the Pharisees, who emphasized their attire, when deep down they were whitewashed tombs.

This is the principle of religion that comes from the enemy. The embellishment of appearances: beautiful buildings, beautiful decorations, Bible verses plastered on the walls, red carpets, beautiful suits, beautiful cassocks All these trappings are designed to seduce you, to draw you not to the Lord, but to humans who are nothing but dust. That is, the clay with which the Creator formed us and which is the image of our baseness, our weakness, our sins, etc., in short, our animality.

So this beast is of the Earth, he speaks of the things of the Earth and his aim is to attract you to the vain things of the Earth so that you devote your life to serving your animality.

B/ The mission of the beast

1. *Leading astray*

"And Yehoshua answering, said to them: Make sure no one leads you astray. For many will come under my Name, saying: I am the Mashiah. And they will lead many astray. (Matthaios 24:4 to 5).

"And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray". (Matthaios 24:11).

The beast's mission is to mislead the true children of Elohîm and prevent the unconverted from giving their hearts to Yehoshua. To this end, it will send false prophets all over the world, in order to deceive as many people as possible. This means that the beast rising from the Earth is at the head of all these false brothers.

Unfortunately, the beast succeeded in its mission. Indeed, when we look back two thousand years, we see that most of today's assemblies have nothing in common with the

Ekklesia of the Acts of the Apostles. Its success has been foretold by the Lord and his servants. These had warned that false teachers would break into the assemblies and that many would be seduced by their pernicious doctrines. The Mashiah even predicted that when he returned, he wouldn't find faith. So the beast has succeeded in his mission, since the apostasy is here!

"But the Spirit expressly says that in the last times some will depart from the faith, clinging to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, through the hypocrisy of false teachers, having their own consciences branded with iron, preventing marriage, commanding abstinence from foods which Elohim created to be taken with thanksgiving by the faithful and by those who have known precisely the truth" (1 Timotheos 4:1-3).

So we are in these end times where there is a massive awakening of false prophets and false mashiahs rising from the Earth and introducing corrupt doctrines into the assemblies.

Idolatry

"And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the Earth and those who inhabit it to worship the first beast, whose mortal wound has been healed..."

"telling those who dwell on Earth to make an image of the beast that was wounded by the sword and came back to life. And it was given to him to give a spirit to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might speak, and cause all those who would not worship the image of the beast to be put to death."

As a false prophet, his mission is to introduce human beings to the beast rising from the sea. Indeed, we know that the role of true prophets is to reveal the Creator to mankind, and to speak to them on behalf of the Lord. The false prophet will speak in the interests of the first beast and drive humans to worship him. The mission of the false church is therefore to turn true Christians away from true worship towards idolatry. Instead of worshipping the Lord in spirit and truth, many Christians worship their pastor, their buildings, Sunday, money... some even worship political leaders. Indeed, one of the characteristics of the rulers of nations is the desire to be idolized, as Nebuchadnezzar did.

"King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue, 60 cubits high and 6 cubits wide. He erected it in the valley of Dura, in the province of Babel. King Nebuchadnezzar sent messengers to gather together the satraps, prefects, governors, councilors, treasurers, jurisconsults, judges and all the magistrates of the provinces, so that they could attend the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had erected. Then the satraps, prefects, governors, councilors, treasurers, jurisconsults, judges and all the magistrates of the provinces gathered for the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had erected. They stood before the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had erected. The herald loudly proclaimed: It is commanded you, peoples, nations, and men of every language: At the time when you hear the sound of the horn, the flute, the zither, the lyre, the harp, the bagpipe, and all kinds of musical instruments, you will throw yourselves to the ground and worship the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Whoever does not fall to the ground and worship will be thrown into the middle of the furnace of blazing fire this very moment. Therefore, at the very moment when all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, the flute, the zither, the lyre, the harp, and all kinds of musical instruments, all the peoples, the nations, and men of every language, threw themselves to the ground and worshipped the golden statue that the king had set up." (Daniye'l 3: 1 à 7).

We know that great dictators have erected statues in their effigy, disseminated flattering images, and invented qualifiers and heroic stories about themselves, in order to compel the people to adore them. In North Korea, for example, the Kim family demands total submission from the population and an exaggerated display of their "love" for them. To justify this adoration, Kim-Jong-Il is endowed with certain faculties: he is said to have written 1,500 books, to have learned to drive at the age of 3, and to know how to fly planes without ever having taken a course...

"For the wrath of Elohim is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of humans who hold back the truth in unrighteousness, because what can be known of Elohim is manifest among them, for Elohim has manifested it to them. For not only his invisible things, but also his eternal power and divinity, are clearly seen from the creation of the world in his works when we reflect on them, so that they are inexcusable, because having known Elohim, they did not glorify him as Elohim and they did not give thanks to him, but they became vain in their reasonings, and their hearts destitute of understanding were covered by darkness. They claim to be wise, they have become fools, and have changed the glory of incorruptible Elohim into the image likeness of corruptible human beings, and birds, and quadrupeds, and reptiles. That's why Elohim also gave them over to impurity in the desires of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of Elohim for falsehood and worshipped and served the creature, instead of the Creator, who is blessed for the ages. Amen! That's why Elohim gave them over to their dishonorable passions, for even the females among them exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way, the males, abandoning natural sexual relations with the female sex, became inflamed in their desires for each other, doing shameful things, male with male, and receiving in themselves the just and correct reward for their waywardness. And since they

did not see fit to have accurate and correct knowledge of Elohim, so Elohim gave them over to reprobate thinking, to practice things that are not proper, being filled with every kind of injustice, illicit sexual intercourse, wickedness, avarice, malignity, full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and bad temper, gossipers, backbiters, haters of Elohim, insolent, proud, vain, inventors of evil things, rebels against their parents, without understanding, not keeping what they have promised, without natural affection, without treaty or covenant, without mercy. Which having known the ordinance of Elohim which declares worthy of death those who practice such things, they not only do them themselves, but also approve those who practice them." (Romans 1:18 to 32).

This beast does everything to make mankind adore animal human beings, but also beasts such as birds and reptiles. So it's not surprising that in many nations, deities are represented in the form of animals. For the mission of the false church is to present the world with all kinds of creatures, so that the worship due to the Creator is diverted towards them. This is not a new objective. Indeed, in the desert, the Jews gave free rein to their animality to the point of making a golden calf, which they worshipped as their elohim.

The beast has always been at work.

"For the mystery of the violation of the torah is already at work..." (2 Thessalonians 2:7).

"He said to me: Son of a human, do you see what they're doing? The great abominations that the house of Israel commits here, so that I turn away from my sanctuary? You will return again and see great abominations. He sent for me at the entrance to the forecourt. I looked, and there was a hole in the wall. He tells me: Son of a human, please dig the wall!"

*I dug into the wall, and there was an entrance. Then he said: Come in and see the wicked abominations they commit here! I went in and looked, and behold **all manner of figures of creeping things and abominable beasts**, and all the idols of the house of Israel, engraved on the wall, roundabout, round about. 70 men of the elders of the house of Israel, among whom was Ya`azanyah son of Shaphan, stood before these idols. Each man had a censer in his hand, from which a thick cloud of incense rose. Then he said to me: Son of a human, do you see what the elders of the house of Israel do in the darkness, each man in his room full of figures? For they say: YHWH does not see us, YHWH has forsaken the earth." (Yehezkel 8:6 to 12).*

II/ FALSE DOCTRINES

*"But avoid **vain, useless and profane speeches**, for those who hold them will advance ever further in impiety, and their speech, like gangrene, will have pasture. Of these are Hymenaeus and Philetus, who have departed from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened, and are overthrowing the faith of some." (2 Timotheos 2:16 to 18).*

*"But Titos, who was with me and is Greek, wasn't even forced to get circumcised. But **because of the false brothers who had sneaked in and crept among us to spy on the freedom we have in Yehoshua Mashiah**, in order to enslave us... To these we have not yielded in submission, no, not even for an hour, so that the truth of the gospel may remain permanently among you." (Galatians 2:3 to 5).*

*"For certain individuals have crept in by stealth, who long ago were depicted in advance for this judgment: impious ones, who change the grace of our Elohim into unbridled lust, and deny the only Master **Yehoshua Mashiah, our Elohim and Lord**." (Yehuda 1:4).*

False brethren or false servants sent by the beast rising from the Earth are numerous and have infiltrated the assemblies. They disguise themselves as sheep and imitate the way Christians preach and worship, with the aim of destroying them.

Animal men and women transform assemblies into veritable zoos.

Some even go so far as to physically abuse the brothers and sisters, using false narratives. This is the case of an evangelical pastor in Hauts-de-Seine, who was recently sentenced to 14 years in prison for raping seven women, most of whom were living under his roof at the time. He was found guilty of abusing his position as pastor, threatening his victims with divine punishment if they refused to submit to his advances. He was banned for life from practicing as a pastor.

A/ Leaven

" *He is not beautiful, your subject of glory! Do you not know that a little leaven **leavens the whole lump?***" (1 Corinthians 5:6).

The word leaven comes from the Latin *levare*, meaning "to leaven". Leavening was allowed on the Feast of Weeks (or Pentecost), a feast that foreshadowed the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and revival. The presence of leaven, on the other hand, reflected the infiltration of evil into assemblies with the aim of suffocating Christians. The role of leaven is to leaven the lump that represents the saints (or wheat) with the help of false doctrines and sin, especially pride. In fact, when we hear so many fine words, it's easy to become proud of ourselves. Just as a balloon rises once filled with air, so a human being rises. That's why we have to be wary of words like: "*Oh, brother you have more anointing than*

other pastors " or "there are no men of Elohim as powerful as you", for they leaven the lump, breed pride and division and so kill many ministries.

In these end times, it's vital to keep an eye on your ears.

"Then thoroughly wash away the old leaven, so that you may be new lump, since you are unleavened, for Mashiah, our Passover, was sacrificed for us." (1 Corinthians 5:7).

1. The consequences of leaven

"No grain offering that you offer to YHWH shall be made with leaven, for you shall not burn leaven or honey among the offering consumed by fire before YHWH." (Vayiqra 2:11).

In this passage, the word leaven comes from the Hebrew *chametz*, the root of which means "to be bitter", "to be unforgiving", "to be red", "to be cruel", and so on. So one of the consequences of leaven is the development of bitterness in hearts. This is likely to deprive us of Elohim's grace and therefore of Salvation: *"See to it that no one deprives himself of the grace of Elohim, that no root of bitterness, growing upward, troubles you, and that many are not defiled by it." (Hebrews 12:15).*

In Yaacov chapter 3 verses 3 to 14, the apostle uses the Greek adjective *pikros* for the word "bitter". In verse 11, it is first used in the literal sense to refer to water that is undrinkable, tasteless or salty, like sea water. In verses 14 and 16, it is used metaphorically to convey the zeal inspired by jealousy and competitive spirit. The animal human being utters all kinds of bitter words that can destroy those who hear them. Our assemblies are like zoos filled with all kinds of beasts fighting for a place next to the pastor.

Bitterness is resentment (a memory that causes bitterness and the desire to take revenge) caused by regret or disappointment. The condition of an affected individual deteriorates progressively. First, a person will shut himself up in a cocoon and refuse all fraternal communion. Then he will neglect personal prayer and daily meditation on Elohim's Word, thus gradually depriving himself of His grace. Then, if the problem is not solved, this situation can lead to apostasy.

In the context of Christian service, the roots of bitterness will produce offspring such as debauchery, impurity, derangement, idolatry, witchcraft, rivalries, quarrels, jealousies, animosities, disputes, divisions, sects, envy, drunkenness and overindulgence, of which Galatians chapter 5 verses 19 to 21 speak. They can also develop a profane spirit like Esav, i.e. preferring worldly goods to spiritual blessings (Hebrews 12:16 to 17).

A bitter person can easily lapse into violence, giving free rein to his animality.

2. Causes of bitterness

2.1 Lack of recognition

Many people to whom you have rendered enormous services will certainly disappoint you with their lack of recognition. Remember that even the Lord went through this. He healed ten lepers, but only one returned to pay him homage (Lukas 17:11 to 19). So you'll often be disappointed by the people closest to you. Continue to do good for people and don't expect recognition in return. The Lord will repay you in due time.

2.2 False accusations

If you don't look after your heart, you run the risk of developing hatred towards those who slander you, who whisper against you and give free rein to your old human self.

2.3 Your own suffering

You may also develop bitterness against Elohim because He allows an illness or the death of a loved one. *"And his wife said to him: Are you still standing firm in your integrity? Bless Elohim and die! And he said to him: You talk like one of those fools! We receive from Elohim what is good, and would we not also receive from him what is bad? In all this, Iyov did not sin with his lips."* (Iyov 2:9 to 10).

Among the other causes of bitterness, we can mention a sin not abandoned or a wound not healed because of the refusal to forgive. Indeed, betrayals by your spouse, children, parents, friends, colleagues, etc. are classic causes of resentment.

"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and blasphemy, with all manner of malice be banished from among you. But become gentle toward one another, full of compassion, forgiving one another, just as Elohim forgave you through Mashiah." (Ephesians 4:31 to 32).

3. The solution

The best cure for bitterness is forgiveness. Elohim asks us to forgive our enemies, pray for those who mistreat us and bless those who curse us (Loukas 6:27 to 36). If you refuse to forgive those who slander you, you will destroy your calling and your life. You'll stir up trouble wherever you go and find it difficult to enjoy fulfilling relationships with others. So ask the Lord for the strength to forgive your enemies with all your heart (Matthaios 18:35), because untreated bitterness leads to sin and all kinds of immorality.

B/ The leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees

*"And Yehoshua said to them: Watch out! **Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.** And they reasoned within themselves and said: That's because we haven't had any bread. And Yehoshua, knowing this, said to them: People of little faith, why do you reason within yourselves that you have not taken bread? Haven't you figured it out yet? Don't you remember the five loaves for the 5,000 and how many baskets you took away? Or the 7 loaves for the 4,000, and how many baskets did you bring? How do you not understand that it was not about bread that I told you to keep away from the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees? **Then they understood that it was not the leaven in the bread that He had told them to guard against, but the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees.**" (Matthaios 16:6 to 12).*

In this passage, leaven is an image of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

1. The teaching of the Pharisees

The word "Pharisee" means "separated". Pharisaism was a sect that appeared, it seems, as a reaction against the adherence of certain Jews to Hellenistic customs. The Pharisees were rigorous in their demands for tithing, and ethically they were probably higher than most other Jews. In their early days, the Pharisees were distinguished by their uprightness and courage. But gradually, the moral and intellectual level of their successors dropped to the point where Yohanan the Baptist called them a "race of vipers" and Yehoshua called them hypocrites and children of Satan (Yohanan 8:44). Their condemnation by Yehoshua, who reproached them for their unbelief, should be seen in this light. They were, in a way, the theologians of the early Assembly period. They loved the first seats, the titles, the offerings, and didn't hesitate to execute those who opposed their way of interpreting the

law. Indeed, they were the most rigid sect of Judaism at the time of Yehoshua Mashiah (Acts 26:4 to 5). The Pharisees defended the doctrine of predestination, believing in the immortality of the soul and in rewards and punishments in the afterlife. They succeeded in dominating the spiritual life of the Jews by reducing Judaism to observance of the law and conformity to ordinances. But their piety became formalistic, the outward act having gradually become more important than the disposition of the heart. The leaven of the Pharisees represents hypocrisy. In Greek, this word means "one who responds, who replies", "an interpreter", "an actor", "a theater player", "one who conceals", "a pretender". In the same way, thousands of pastors play roles, they have the appearance of godliness before their brothers and sisters, but at home they are completely different: *"having the appearance of godliness, but having denied its power. Depart also from such people."* (2 Timotheos 3:5). Similarly, many Christians appear righteous and holy in their church buildings, but in everyday life they are no different from pagans. Their animality is fed and excited by the world around them.

"And the Pharisees and some scribes who had come from Yeroushalaim gathered to him. And when they saw that some of his disciples ate with unclean, i.e. unwashed, hands, they blamed them. For the Pharisees and all the Jews would not eat unless they had washed up to the elbow, keeping to the tradition of the elders. And on the way back from the marketplace, if they haven't been baptized, they don't eat. There are also many other things they received to hold them: the washings of cups, and pitchers, and bronze vessels and beds. Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him: Why don't your disciples walk according to the tradition of the elders, but take their bread with unwashed hands? But he, answering, said to them: Yesha`yah did prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. But in vain do they worship me, teaching doctrines that are human commandments. For, leaving aside the

commandment of Elohim, you retain the tradition of humans: the washing of pitchers and cups, and you do many other similar things. He also told them: You reject Elohim's commandment in order to keep your tradition. For Moshe said: Honor your father and your mother and: He who curses his father or mother ends up dead. But you say: Unless a man has said to his father or mother: Anything you might be assisted with by me is corban, i.e. offering. And you no longer allow him to do anything for his father or his mother, nullifying the word of Elohim by your tradition that you have established. And you do many other such things." (Markos 7:1 to 13).

2. The teaching of the Sadducees

The word "Sadducee" refers to Tsadoq, which comes from the Hebrew, *tsaddiq*, meaning "just". Tsadog was a priest of the Old Covenant who was associated with the priest Achimelech: "*Tsadog (...) and Ahimelech son of Abiathar were priests*" (2 Shemuel 8:17). Because of their loyalty to King David, Tsadog and his descendants formed the most important priestly family. It was from this family that the high priests were chosen until the time of the Maccabees (around 150 B.C. Yehoshua).

The Sadducees were a priestly party, a well-structured group. Coming mainly from wealthy families, their influence was felt above all in worship and liturgy. It was they who controlled the Temple of Yerushalaim. However, after the destruction of the Temple in the year 70 after Yehoshua Mashiah, their party crumbled and disappeared.

As far as their beliefs were concerned, the Sadducees regarded only the written Torah (the first five books of the Bible) as normative for their faith. In this sense, they differed from the Pharisees, who placed the Oral Torah on an equal footing with the Written Torah. This divergence was at the root of the great rivalry between the Pharisees and

Sadducees. The latter refused to observe the many rules of purification drawn up by the Pharisees. Moreover, they rejected many of the doctrines in which the Pharisees believed, such as the resurrection, the immortality of the soul, the existence of angels... The Sadducees did not adhere to these points of doctrine because they remain unsupported by Moshe's Law.

The leaven of the Sadducees was then the questioning of the resurrection of the dead (foundation of the faith and of the Gospel, 1 Corinthians 15), the non-existence of angels, and the absence of life after death.

C/Herod 's leaven

Herod the Great's son having died in the year 4 before Yehoshua, Herod Antipas was appointed tetrarch of Galilee and Perea, and ruled from the year 4 before Yehoshua. until 39. Yohanan the Baptist and Yehoshua exercised their ministries under his reign, Galilee being part of his jurisdiction.

Herod Antipas had married a Nabataean princess, daughter of King Aretas IV. But he divorced her to marry Herodias. The latter was the daughter of Aristobulus IV, his own brother. So she was his niece. But having married another of Herod's brothers, Philippos, she was also his sister-in-law! Herod Antipas' leaven represents incest, as well as sin, pride and murder (with the murder of Yohanan the Baptist).

"And King Herod heard of it, for his name had become famous. And he said: Yohanan, the one who baptized, rose from the dead, which is why the power to perform miracles works mightily in him. The others said: This is Eliyah. And the others said: He's a prophet, or like

one of the prophets. But Herod, on hearing this, said: That Yohanan that I had beheaded, he's the one who rose from the dead! Indeed, Herod himself, having sent to seize Yohanan, had bound him and put him in prison, because of Herodias, wife of Philippos, his brother, because he had married her. For Yohanan said to Herod: It is not legal for you to have your brother's wife. Now Herodias held a grudge against him and wanted to kill him, but she couldn't, because Herod feared Yohanan, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he preserved him. And he did many things after hearing him and listened to him with pleasure. And an opportune day arrived when Herod, for the anniversary of his birth, made a supper for the great lords of his court, the tribunes and the principals of Galilee. And the daughter of the same Herodias came into the room, danced and pleased Herod and those at table with him. The king said to the girl: Ask me whatever you want and I'll give it to you. And he added with an oath: Whatever you ask, I'll give it to you, up to half my kingdom. But having gone out, she said to her mother: What can I ask for? And her mother said to her: The head of Yohanan the Baptist. And having returned in haste to the king, she made her request of him, saying: I want you to give me the head of Yohanan the Baptist on a plate right now. And the king became very sad, but because of his oath and the guests, he didn't want to refuse. He immediately sent a spekoulator and ordered him to bring Yohanan's head. And he went and beheaded him in the prison, and brought his head in a dish, and gave it to the girl. And the young girl gave it to her mother. And when Yohanan's disciples heard of it, they came and took away his dead body, and put it in a tomb." (Markos 6:14 to 29).

Herod's leaven also evokes the image of teaching, or politicians' stranglehold on assemblies. How many politicians today don't control YHWH's prophets?

Unfortunately, just like some politicians who don't hesitate to sleep with their own

children in order to gain more occult power, many pastors have adulterous relationships with their brothers or sisters in Mashiah (see the book "The Spirit of Jezebel").

D/ Balaamism

Balaam, whose name means "he who devours", was a soothsayer whom the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian, led by Balak, sought out to curse Israel so that they could win their battle against Elohim's people.

Balaam's story reveals a progression in his faults that marks his guilt. First of all, he wanted to bend the divine will, however formal, by trying to obtain Elohim's assent to join Balak when YHWH had already forbidden him to do so. In the same way, all the detractors of the truth follow his model by twisting the biblical verses of their meaning: this is the way of Balaam. Then, the soothsayer went "to meet enchantments"; he called upon the powers of darkness to hinder the conquering march of Israel. He deliberately subjected to the forces of evil, which Elohim absolutely forbids: this is what Scripture calls Balaam's "error". In desperation, the soothsayer resorted to a third stratagem. After failing through occultism, he advised Balak to destroy Israel from within: this is what verse 14 of Apokalupsis chapter 2 refers to as Balaam's "teaching" or "doctrine". For Balaam knew that, thanks to YHWH, Israel would always be victorious in every battle. But he also knew that if Israel disobeyed his Elohim, he would immediately incur divine judgment and be defeated. So King Balak organized a feast, and the young girls of Moab were given the task of seducing the young men of Israel into worshipping their idols.

Alas, Balaam's strategy succeeded, for Israel turned away from his Elohim. The people indulged in debauchery with the daughters of Moab, participating in the sacrifices made

to their elohîms: *"Israel clung to Baal-Peor; therefore the anger of YHWH was kindled against Israel."* (Bamidbar 25:3). This was the stumbling block that caused Elohim's people to stumble under the Old Covenant. Because of Baal-Peor, the plague of Israel was terrible: twenty-four thousand dead.

Under the New Covenant, she still brings down Elohim's people. Indeed, the plague evoked by Yehoshua's warning to the assembly of Pergamum (Apokalupsis 2) is even more deadly: countless seduced souls fall into spiritual debauchery. Their communion with Yehoshua is destroyed by mixing with foreign fire, compromise. These "Christians" have fallen and will continue to fall into hardness of heart. But Balaam's treachery did him no good; on the contrary, he was struck down by the sword of the Israelites, as we are told in Yehoshua chapter 13 verse 22. How immense is the damage caused by mixing in Christianity! Balaam's greed caused not only his own downfall, but also that of thousands of Israelites. Even today, the greed of many pastors leads them away from the Lord, dragging thousands of souls in their wake.

"Woe betide them! Because they followed the way of Qayin, and threw themselves into the error of Balaam for a reward, and perished by the rebellion of Korah." (Yehuda 1:11).

Indeed, like Balaam, they use their gifts as a source of gain: *"If anyone teaches another doctrine and does not come to the sound words of our Lord Yehoshua Mashiah, and to the doctrine that is according to godliness, he is puffed up with pride, he knows nothing, but is a sick man who occupies himself with debates and quarrels about empty and insignificant things, from which arise envy, quarrels, backbiting and evil suspicions, **the vain disputes of people with corrupt minds and stripped of the truth, who think that piety is a source of gain.** Separate yourself from these kinds of people. But piety is a great*

*source of gain when you know how to be content with what you have. For we have brought nothing into the world, and it is obvious that we can take nothing out. If we have food and clothing, that will be enough for us. **But those who want to become rich fall into temptation, into the trap and into many unintelligent and pernicious desires, which plunge human beings into destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil. For desiring it, some have turned away from the faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.**" (1 Timotheos 6:3 to 10).*

These false servants have many customers. Indeed, human beings in general, and therefore the faithful in assemblies, are very fond of prophecies. They are prepared to make major sacrifices to find out about their future. This is why prophecies have become a source of profit for charlatans. Not only can't gifts and anointings be bought, but the prophet has no superior gift to sell! This practice, "simony", a doctrine based on Mammon, the elohîm of money, comes from Shim'ôn the magician, who had offered money to Petros to have the power of the Spirit (Acts 8: 18 to 24). Its followers teach that you have to give them money in order to receive the anointment they have received. Some ask their followers to make sacrificial offerings. In other words, the latter have to pay them large sums of money in order for the so-called servant of Elohîm to pray for them, but also to have their prayers answered. They invent all sorts of things that the Bible doesn't mention, such as the prophet's offerings, ram, lamb, mud or money to construct an altar. Others take the tithe on the grounds that they are priests. They forget that the priests under the old covenant took tithes from the Levites' tithes (Bamidbar 18:25 to 31), not the people's tithes.

Many have lost and are losing their ministries because of Mammon, they have left the straight path, they have gone astray to follow that of Balaam, son of Beor, who loved the

wages of iniquity. *"No one can be a slave to two lords, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will cling to the one and despise the other. You cannot be slaves to Elohîm and Mamôn."* (Matthaios 6:24).

For example, a pastor and his wife were given an eight-month suspended prison sentence in 2019 for embezzling and laundering €152,000 from the tithe and offerings of the faithful. According to them, the funds were used to finance "ecclesiastical expenses" such as Bible seminars. However, many of these expenses were actually for purchases in hypermarkets, large clothing chains or cultural products. They were also found guilty of abuse of trust.

E / Nicolaiism

Nicolaiism is a set of pernicious doctrines introduced into the churches of Ephesus and Pergamum. The Nicolaitans taught Christians the doctrine of Balaam, according to which they could eat meat offered to idols and commit immoral acts like pagans under the pretext of their freedom (Apokalupsis 2:6 and 15). So they were inciting people not to observe the prescriptions of the apostolic assembly that sat in Yeroushalaim in 50 after Yehoshua Mashiah.

Various interpretations of the term "nicolaita" have been put forward. For some, the term refers to the followers of Nicholas of Antioch, who was one of the seven deacons of the early Assembly; after a promising start, he deviated doctrinally. A second interpretation explains the word "nicolaita" by its etymology, which means "to conquer the people" (from "nicao": to conquer and "laos": people), so "nicolaita" would mean "conqueror of the people" or "destruction of the people". Nicolaitan doctrine is based on domination,

manipulation, threats of death and curses for refusing to do the shepherd's will. This doctrine creates a gulf between the leaders (apostles, prophets, doctors, pastors and evangelists) and the brothers and sisters of the assembly (simple faithful). Those infected by this doctrine use their ministries as positions, not as functions in accordance with what the Bible teaches. Many of Elohim's servants are touched by this spirit or doctrine. The Lord's call gives them a position and they then become business leaders served by the people over whom Elohim has established them. This is an abomination and a sin. Christians are increasingly falling prey to certain pastors who think they can do anything. These so-called men of Elohim manipulate Christians and fleece them financially.

"I've written to the assembly, but Diotrephes, who wants to be first among them, won't receive us. That's why, if I come, I'll point out the works he's doing by speaking evil against us. And not content with this, not only does he himself not receive the brothers, but he even prevents those who want to receive them and drives them out of the assembly." (3 Yohanan 1:9 to 10).

The Bible gives us the example of Diotrephes, who took an entire assembly hostage. Rebellious, he drove away all the people sent by the apostles to correct him. By refusing the authority of the apostle Yohanan, he showed that what mattered to him was having the first place in the assembly. The spirit of Diotrephes is still at work today, with many pastors taking over the churches entrusted to them.

The spirit of Diotrephes can be recognized by these characteristics:

- He likes to be first, he is attached to titles (Matthaios 23:6 to 7);
- It is inhospitable;
- He says bad things about the brothers;

- It prevents people from receiving missionaries;
- He expels from the assembly the faithful who contradict him.

This spirit of domination and control is very similar to the Nicolaitan spirit. This system imposes yokes and total submission to pastors. The Nicolaitans turn the passage from Romans chapter 13 to their advantage to impose their desire for domination over the people. The Bible teaches us in Romans chapter 13 and in the first epistle of Petros chapter 2 verses 13 to 15, that as Christians, we must submit to the various instituted authorities. However, the Word does not refer to the authority that so-called pastors, apostles, prophets or priests grant themselves, but rather to the judicial (magistrates, judges, etc.), political, legislative and executive (kings, presidents, ministers, policemen, etc.) authorities of our governments.

Those with a thirst for power are possessed by the Nicolaita spirit. The Word invites the Church's leaders to lead the sheep towards Elohim with wisdom and love. When leaders follow the Bible, they don't manipulate people, they proclaim the truth and encourage everyone to seek the Lord's will. Whatever the state of weakness of the people who rely on them, they help and advise them. The only acceptable hierarchy within the Church is that established by Elohim. Indeed, Yehoshua Mashiah is the head of the Church and its only head (Ephesians 1:22 to 23).

F/ Jezebel's doctrine

"But I have a few things against you, because you allow the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and lead my slaves astray, so that they prostitute themselves and eat things sacrificed to idols." (Apokalupsis 2:20).

During the reign of Ahab, four hundred prophets of Astarte ate at Jezebel's table. Ahab was cowardly and spineless, whereas Jezebel was authoritarian by nature; she did as she pleased, knowing that her husband would not resist her. She did not hesitate to use the royal seal to order the murder of an innocent man, Naboth. She even made Eliyah flee, when he had faced the people of Israel and the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal alone at Mount Carmel. But he fled at the first threat of Jezebel was so terrifying. The character of Jezebel not only exercises "absolute authority", but also practices creating fear.

Some exegetes of the book of Apokalupsis believe that a person of some influence in the Thyatira assembly, perhaps the leader's wife, exercised despotic power over the faithful. She set herself up as a prophetess to seduce them, while living in debauchery. Through her teaching, this Jezebel paved the way for false prophetesses who were to cause serious rifts in Christianity. By denouncing Jezebel of Thyatira and her imposture, the Lord was foreshadowing the role to be played by Jezebel's imitators, who set themselves up as an infallible authority. Indeed, when this character enters an assembly (he may be a conscious or unconscious agent of the enemy), he takes on the appearance of an attractive man or woman, notably thanks to spectacular spiritual gifts. After gaining the trust of management, this spirit infiltrates management and then sows division to seize control of the leader. He can, for example, convince him to make the wrong decisions, such as getting divorced. He ends up "killing" the true servants of Elohim (1 Melakim 18:4) in order to replace them with false prophets (1 Melakim 18:19). He works to ensure that the truth is no longer proclaimed in the assembly.

Many people have been destroyed, pastors have lost their ministry and reputation because of the spirit of Jezebel.

"But beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inside they are ravening wolves." (Matthaios 7:15).

III/ IMPIOUS SYSTEMS INTRODUCED INTO ASSEMBLIES

A/ Clericalism

According to the dictionary, clericalism is a "system or tendency by virtue of which the clergy, leaving the religious sphere, meddles in public affairs and tends to make its influence predominant". Sacerdotalism, on the other hand, is the belief that there is a divinely appointed mediator between Elohim and human beings. Any attentive reader of the Bible knows that these concepts have no biblical basis, since their origins lie in ancient Babylon, which, according to Apokalupsis 17, is the mother of religions and sects.

The apostle Petros warned the elders who led Elohim's people against such abuses (1 Petros 5:1-3). The institution of a clergy separates from the people, superior to them in their relationship with Elohim, enabled the hierarchical organization of the assembly. Indeed, the word "hierarchic" is derived from the Greek word *hiereus* designating the priest. But we are all priests: *"To him who loved us and washed us from our sins in his blood, and made us kings and priests to his Father Elohim, to him be glory and sovereign power for ever and ever. Amen!"* (Apokalupsis 1:5 to 6).

The deviations of the state church set up by Emperor Constantine concealed the priestly role of every believer. From then on, other believers had to submit to those who were consecrated priests, as this was a profession. Moreover, the hierarchy thus established gives considerable power to earthly authority, with the "Holy Father" becoming more important than the Lord Yehoshua. It's traditional for a priest to be called "father" by his

followers, as if he were superior to them! The word teaches us otherwise in Matthaïos 23 verses 8 to 12. The word "abbé" comes from the Aramaic "abba" meaning "father". In a monastery, titles are indicative of each person's place, so the community of nuns is headed by a "mother superior".

Some assemblies declare that they belong to the priesthood of all believers, but they have established a separate priesthood, dominating the people. These two concepts are opposites, so this kind of statement is a lie. In practice, many pastors make a distinction between servants of the Word and brothers and sisters. This hierarchy and attitude of superiority on the part of these leaders is not biblical. For the Word teaches us that a servant of Elohîm must above all be the brother of the other members of the assembly and must not dominate them by his title!

Another major reason for the unbiblical division between "clergy" and "laity" is the professional status the church accords the clergy, elevated to the rank of "professional servants". This leads to the confusion that if the priesthood is a profession, then those who make up the clergy become specialists and are therefore "better" than lay people. Modern Nicolaitans see themselves as superior to others, believing they have a monopoly on understanding and spreading Elohîm's Word, Function and spiritual gifts. Yet the Bible teaches that all Christians are ministers and equals before the Creator.

A good number of assemblies are powerless because of the Nicolaitan doctrine, centralized around a single person, the professional, who alone has the right to preach, baptize, marry, pray for the sick, the possessed and the dead. Because of this doctrine, Christians have handed over to their pastors the spiritual gifts and talents Elohîm has given them. An assembly in which only the pastor brings the Word of Yehoshua does not

function as the Bible requires. Each of us must put the gifts we have received from the Lord at the service of others (1 Petros 4:10).

Yehoshua gave us an example of humility when he washed his disciples' feet, then said to them: *"You call me Doctor and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, the Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet, for I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. Amen, amen, I say to you: The slave is not greater than his master, nor is the apostle greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, you are blessed, provided you practice them."* (Yohanan 13:13 to 17).

Leaders are not stronger, more powerful or more loved by the Lord than the members of their assemblies!

B/ Legalism

Legalism is the concern to scrupulously respect the letter of the law and the forms it prescribes, without the heart being truly transformed. It leads to the observance of certain commandments of Elohim's Word, separating them from their moral significance; love and mercy are thus neglected: *"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees hypocrites, because you tithe mint, dill and cumin and leave out the heaviest burdens of the torah: justice, mercy and faithfulness. It was necessary to practice these things, without neglecting the other things."* (Matthaios 23:23).

Legalism is introduced into assemblies by erroneous teachings that add to the work of the cross one or more observances to obtain salvation: *"And some who came down from*

Judea, taught the brothers: If you are not circumcised according to the Moshe's custom, you can't be saved. "(Acts 15:1). Here we have the example of a false teaching that the Judaizers had introduced into the assemblies of the first century. They had added circumcision to the work of the cross.

Legalism has many facets. He replaces Elohim's gift of grace, salvation and faith with works (fasting, gifts, offerings, tithes, good deeds, etc.). (Galatians 2:16; Ephesians 2:8 to 9)) rather than enjoying the grace that keeps us humble. Salvation of the soul cannot be acquired by obedience to Elohim's commandments; it is a free gift from the Father. Works flow from faith, but do not give it. The Lord accepts us through the sacrifice of his Son Yehoshua, then through obedience to his Word. Legalism replaces piety and communion with the Creator with rules designed to ease the conscience. True Christian freedom is replaced by fear of Elohim and fear of men, i.e. pastors. A guilty conscience submits to legal rules to justify itself in its own eyes and before others. In the face of spiritual death, the legalist will seek to put in place human ordinances and laws rather than preach the true Word and grace, Yehoshua Mashiah crucify (Ephesians 5:14; 1 Corinthians 2:2).

"But he also spoke this parable to some who persuaded themselves to be righteous and utterly despised others: Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a publican. The Pharisee, standing, prayed thus within himself: Elohim, I thank you that I am not like the rest of mankind: kidnappers, unjust, adulterers, nor even like this publican. I fast twice on the Sabbath, and tithe everything I own. But the publican, standing afar off, dared not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but smote his breast, saying: Elohim, be appeased to me who am a sinner! I tell you that this one went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted." (Loukas 18:9 to 14).

"If I speak all the languages of humans and even of angels, but have no love, I have become a resonant brass or a cymbal that frequently repeats the cry alala. Even if I have prophecy and know all the mysteries and the knowledge of all things, and even if I have all the faith to move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And if I were to give all my goods to feed someone, and if I were to give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing." (1 Corinthians 13:1-3).

How is it that a person who gives all his possessions to the poor, who accepts to die for others, is nothing before Elohim? The answer is simple: without CHARITY, i.e. the grace of the Lord or Yehoshua (for Elohim is Love, according to 1 Yohanan 4:8), there is no salvation. Humanism and kindness will never save anyone, because only Yehoshua saves! We can't redeem ourselves by our "good deeds", but Yehoshua is the one who redeemed us. (1 Petros 1:18 to 19)

Through intimidation, the legalist goes so far as to spy on the freedom Christians have in Mashiah (Galatians 2:1 to 19). The legalist is so hypocritical that he imposes things on others that he does not respect himself, thus keeping the saints in bondage (1 Corinthians 7:23; Galatians 5:1).

Of course, legalism has consequences among Christians and in assemblies. On an individual level, the freedom in Mashiah produced by the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:17) is lost, the joy in Yehoshua gives way to doubt and confusion. The false humility of legalism leads inexorably to a spirit of superiority, judgment and condemnation of others. On a collective level, legalism breeds quarrels, competition between brothers, jealousy, and encourages sectarian or party spirit.

"But, in commanding you this, I do not praise you: because you assemble, not to become more excellent, but inferior. For first, when you come together in assembly, I learn that there are indeed divisions among you, and I believe it in part, for there must even be heresies among you, so that those who are approved may become manifest among you." (1 Corinthians 11:17 to 19).

"nothing from partiality, or vainglory, but from humility, esteeming others higher than yourselves." (Philippians 2:3).

Sadly, many Christians today side with those who have sinned and refuse to correct them according to the Word, under the pretext that they are their spiritual fathers or friends.

C/ Formalism

From the Latin "forma", which gave rise to "form", it's the excessive attachment to rules, rites, customs and traditions. So, when it comes to worshipping the Lord, the focus is more on the rules to be observed than on the spiritual and inner life.

The outer forms of formalism are:

- "Sacred" places to worship (temples, cathedrals, pilgrimages, etc.);
- Observance of holy days (Sunday and Sabbath);
- Rituals that allow the wanderer to experience Elohim and enter into a blessed life (circumcision, ordination, nuptial blessing, presentation of children to Elohim by the pastor);
- Wearing special clothing (gown, cassock, clerical collar, yarmulke, veil, suit/tie, etc.);

- A special diet.

(For a better understanding, meditate on Matthaïos 6:1 to 8).

Judaism preserved animal sacrifices, centralized worship at Yerushalaim, special days (Sabbath), special religious times (three prayers a day with a prayer book, the patah Eliahu), a special diet (kosherut: no pork, no blood, no seafood, etc.).

The Testament of Yehoshua teaches that everything became obsolete when Mashiah came. These things were shadows of things to come, no longer needed because reality has appeared. Indeed, when the Ekklesia was born, there was no physical temple, no ordained priests, no animal sacrifices and no priestly vestments. The early Christians understood that they themselves were the temples (1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19), the priests (Hebrews 5:3 to 6; 1 Petros 2:9; Apokalupsis 1:4 to 6 and 5:8 to 10) and the sacrifices (Romans 12:1 to 2). What matters now is the personal and direct relationship with Elohim, not the fact of moving to a specific place to meet and worship the Lord. We certainly need fraternal communion, but that can happen anywhere. Rituals, liturgies, masses or services on Saturday or Sunday are not essential! The most important thing is the state of our personal relationship with Elohim.

Today's Christianity is modeled on the system and worship of the Old Covenant:

- A sacred place: pastors fight to build large temples supposedly for Elohim (Yesha'yah 66:1).
- An altar: for some people, communion is a form of sacrifice, as in the Catholic mass.
- Priests and pastors were ordained, establishing clericalism and sacerdotalism

(human mediation). Yet the Testament of Yehoshua is clear: the high priest Aaron and his descendants have been replaced by Yehoshua Mashiah, who is now the sole mediator between Elohim and mankind (1 Timotheos 2:5). Moreover, according to 1 Petros 2 verse 9, all believers are priests.

- A liturgy that establishes a precise order in the course of a mass or service: praise, sermon, offerings, announcements.

The idea of an organized religious service is completely foreign to the Testament of Yehoshua. It's a blend of Jewish liturgy and pagan worship.

Shelomoh's Temple and Moshe's law system, or the old Covenant were images to teach the realities of heavenly things. Judaism was established temporarily while awaiting the Mashiah. These things had been instituted as a mark of separation between human beings and Elohim, and a forerunner of the way He would go about solving the problem of humanity, namely the death of Yehoshua the Mashiah to atone for our sins.

"For by one offering he has perfected forever those who are sanctified." (Hebrews 10:14).

"Which serve as an example and shadow of heavenly things, according to the divine warning Moshe received when he was to complete the tabernacle: Take care," he said, "to do all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain. But now he has obtained a service all the more excellent because he is the Mediator of a more excellent covenant, which has been established on better promises. For if the first had been flawless, there would have been no need to look for a second. For in blaming them he said: Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Yehuda, not according to the covenant I made with their

fathers on the day I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. For they have not persevered in my covenant; I also have neglected them, says the Lord. For this is the covenant, the testament, which I will make after those days with the house of Israel, saith the Lord: I will put my torahs in their minds and write them in their hearts; I will be their Elohim and they will be my people. And they shall never teach every man his neighbor, nor every man his brother, saying: Know the Lord, for all will know me, from the least of these to the greatest. Because I will be merciful to their injustices and will never again remember their sins, nor their violations of the Torah. Calling it new, he declared it old the first. But that which grows old and ancient is close to perishing." (Hebrews 8:5 to 13).

It's important to remember that today's Christianity didn't destroy paganism, but adopted many of its rites to engender this religion that accommodates lust, business, and many other false doctrines that detract from the true worship to be rendered to Elohim.

CONCLUSION

The world is in a catastrophic state because of human animality.

Europe is affected by the decline in living standards. The people of Greece, Portugal, Ireland, Spain, France and many other countries are constantly voicing their dissatisfaction with the high cost of living. Paradoxically, these countries, despite their wealth, are home to poverty and social inequality. Unfortunately, their leaders prefer to serve Mammon rather than Elohim, using their talents to enrich themselves on the backs of the people.

We're in the end times and humans are rebuilding the symbolic ancient Babylon. The world is ready for world government. The statue of Nebuchadnezzar is being rebuilt across Europe (a mixture of the four historical empires). The Babylonian empire was powerful and sumptuous. Ever since its destruction, emperors have been trying to rebuild it: Darius (Persian), Alexander the Great (Greek), Julius Cesar (Roman), Charlemagne (Frankish), Napoleon (French), Hitler (German), etc. Babylon still fascinates all rulers who dream of exercising totalitarian power over unified countries forming a single powerful and formidable entity. The Babylon of the end times will undoubtedly be the most powerful of the Babylon mentioned in Scripture. The Anti-Mashiah will then have accomplished to perfection what his predecessors only sketched out. Religious power (religious Babylon) and political power (political Babylon) will be intimately linked, as the prostitute is with the beast she rides.

This religious Babylon will be drunk with the blood of the saints, persecuting the Lord's true children as the Pharisees persecuted the first disciples.

As for the Christian rulers, they wage war against each other, seek to enrich themselves, and keep the people in ignorance. Just as Yehuda betrayed Yehoshua because of his greed, so these human beings betray the truth because of their greed.

I explained that, according to the Word, tithing didn't exist under the New Covenant. Some of the listeners, including pastors, recognized this as truth, but refused to teach it in their congregations to continue to perceive it for fear of being destitute. Others said: "We must leave the people in the law and ignorance". I've been given the opportunity to hear from many people about this type of problem, and particularly those relating to tithing. Pastors, I'm told, force sheep to pay their tithes, even going so far as to forbid

them to minister in "their" assemblies.

"For the love of money is the root of all evil. For desiring it, some have turned away from the faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows." (1 Timotheos 6:10).

Everyone has an animal side to them. The Bible calls it the old human being or flesh. The animality of the human being can only be tamed by the power of the cross. Unlike non-believers, Christians have been given the power to dominate the flesh or their animality.

*"But those who are Mashiah's have **crucified the flesh** with its passions and desires."* (Galatians 5:24).

Only the Lord will transform the body of our humiliation when He returns (Philippians 3:19 to 21). In the meantime, know that the animality of the human species is so powerful that it makes it untrustworthy.

"And as he was at Yerushalaim, at Passover, during the feast, many believed in his Name, seeing the signs he produced. But Yehoshua did not believe in them, because he knew them all, and because he did not need anyone to testify to him about the human being, for he himself knew what was in the human being." (Yohanan 2:23 to 25).

The Greek word *pisteuo* translated by the verb "to believe" in this passage also means "to think to be true", "to be persuaded", "to give credit", "to place confidence in", "to trust". In this sense, the Lord did not believe in human beings, even though they had faith in him. Indeed, it was probably these same people who later shouted "crucify him!". So Yehoshua didn't put his trust in the individual, because he knew what was in him. *"Cursed is the*

strong man who trusts in a human being, who makes flesh his strength, and whose heart turns away from YHWH! " say the Scriptures (Yirmeyah 17:5). It's easy to see how taking human beings for support is a completely thoughtless act that leads to disappointment, desolation and confusion.

So don't put your trust in humans, whom animal nature can overpower at any moment. But trust with all your heart in the Lord Yehoshua Mashiah, who is coming back soon to deliver us from this body of sin.

Amen!

Help table

Abshalôm : Absalom	Shim'ôn: Simeon
Anti-mashiah: Anti-Christ	Shemouél: Samuel
Chavvah: Eve	Sheol: sheol
Elijah: Élie	Timotheos: Timothée
Israel: Jacob	Titos: Tite
Iyov: Job	Yaacov: Jacob
Loukas: Luc	Yerushalaim: Jerusalem
Markos: Marc	Yirmeyah: Jérémie
Mashiah: Messiah	Yishmael: Ismaël
Matthaios: Matthieu	Yitzhak: Isaac
Moshe : Moses	Yohanan : John
Paulos : Paul	Yehoshua Mashiah : Jesus-Christ

Petros : Peter	Yehoshua : Joshua
Philippos : Philip	Yehuda : Juda
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